

Long hot summer in Lebanon

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

While the immediate danger of large-scale conflict between Israel and Syria seems to have passed, we are still in for a long hot summer, with plenty of ups and downs. Expectations form a wide spectrum of possibilities, but most agree that the acts of terrorism against Israeli forces in Lebanon are of the most urgent concern.

Between 900 to 1,000 terrorists have re-infiltrated into Beirut, though this was not the major cause of the increase in terror. There are many factors involved, including the Lebanese left, the pro-Syrian leftist Druse militia headed by 'Abid Jumblatt, branches of al-Fatah as well as the various factions of the PLO.

Seven Israeli soldiers were killed in Lebanon last month in 60 terrorist attacks. Some of this activity, but not all, stems from the Syrian side of the cease-fire line. The Syrians could close the border unilaterally if they wished, but they are not interested in decreasing the acts of terror.

Menachem Horowitz reports from Beirut:

Foreign sources there yesterday said there are signs that the Syrians in the Bekaa Valley have started to limit the number of terrorists in the area, and are preventing them from passing into territory controlled by the IDF.

This may be one reason why the eastern front, the scene of four terrorist attacks on Monday, was quiet yesterday.

IDF units in the area, however, remain on high alert. A drop in terrorist activity was also noted yesterday in the Shouf region, and especially along the coastal road. This was attributed mainly to strict security measures recently instituted by the IDF.

Most of the government's deputy ministers yesterday toured southern Lebanon, where they met with Major Sa'ad Haddad and IDF troops. The deputy ministers are to draw up a report on conditions in the area, and submit it to the government.

The rightist Voice of Lebanon radio station reported late last night that Israeli positions in the Bekaa area were shelled, but Israeli forces withheld fire.

The IDF should evacuate the Shouf Mountains of Lebanon immediately, in spite of U.S. and Lebanese objections, Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon told an Israeli TV interviewer last night.

Sharon said that such a move would result in a significant reduction in Israeli casualties. He added that while he was defence minister last winter, he planned for such a pull-back as soon as the snow melted.

Assad arrives in Libya for talks with Gaddafi

TRIPOLI (AP). — Syrian President Hafez Assad arrived yesterday for consultations with Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gaddafi, the official Libyan news agency JANA reported.

The agency said Gaddafi met Assad and a high-level delegation at the airport, but gave no other details.

It did not say how long the visit would last or give its purpose. The visit was not announced in advance.

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Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt (right) passes glasses to Treasury Director-General Ezra Sadan at yesterday's press conference in Jerusalem, when the two announced the cabinet's new economic measures. (Zoom 77)

Israeli-Syrian restraint 'encouraging' for U.S.

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. yesterday said it was "encouraged" that Israel-Syrian tensions appear to have eased.

At the same time, State Department spokesman Alan Romberg told reporters that the U.S. has urged all the parties involved to exercise "the utmost restraint in order to reduce the risk of conflict."

The spokesman cited the conclusion of the Syrian military maneuvers near Damascus as the major reason for the relaxation in tensions, although he cautioned that the U.S. still remains concerned about the overall situation along the Israeli-Syrian front.

"We are continuing to work the problem quite assiduously," Romberg said, adding that other parties are also trying to promote the Israeli-Lebanese agreement.

U.S. officials privately confirmed that they had raised the Middle East situation in recent days with their Soviet counterparts, urging that the Soviets restrain their Syrian allies.

U.S. ambassador in Moscow, Arthur Hartman met yesterday with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko for their first session in

five months. It was widely assumed in Washington that the Middle East was one of the subjects on the agenda, although the State Department refused to say what exactly was discussed.

Romberg suggested that some Syrian soldiers moved into Lebanon in the past few weeks may have been returned home, although he refused to provide the official U.S. assessments of the various troop strengths in Lebanon.

Meanwhile, Israeli officials yesterday said Prime Minister Menachem Begin's visit to the U.S. probably will be pushed back until July — at the earliest — because of scheduling conflicts for Begin and U.S. President Ronald Reagan. If the meeting does not take place in July, they said, it will be postponed until September, since Reagan is planning to spend most of August in California at his ranch.

In an interview on Friday with the American Jewish Press Association, Reagan said: "I have already invited him (Begin) to meet with me once the agreement was signed, and the date remains for us to define when we can get together. We're both looking forward to it."

PLO leaders move to halt breakdown of organization

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
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Intensive moves were afoot yesterday to settle the smoldering three-week-old dispute between Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat and a group within his mainstream Fatah movement dissatisfied with his moderate approach.

The most significant move was made by Arafat's deputy, Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad), who called a press conference in Kuwait and threatened to resign unless the dissidents end their revolt against the present PLO leadership.

Beirut seeks Arab support on accord

BEIRUT. — Lebanon is making a new bid to raise Arab support for its troop withdrawal agreement with Israel to counter Syrian-led opposition to the accord, officials said yesterday.

State-run Beirut Radio also announced that Foreign Minister Elie Salem will visit Saudi Arabia on Saturday to discuss the stalled two-week-old agreement. Sources said a senior envoy may also be sent to Moscow.

Lebanese government officials have suggested that Saudi Arabia may mediate between Lebanon and Syria over the agreement.

Officials said Beirut might send envoys to other Arab countries. Most Arab states, concerned that the accord violates Lebanon's Arab commitments, have withheld support.

Despite the receding threat of a military showdown, Syria's state-run

media warned yesterday that American blood would be spilled if a new war breaks out between Syria and Israel.

The warning by the Damascus newspaper Al-Baath was evidently aimed at the 1,200 U.S. Marines serving with the multinational peacekeeping force in Lebanon.

"If the U.S. wants to make Arab blood spill through a war it prepares for with Israel, this does not mean that American blood will not be spilled as well," said the paper, voice of President Hafez Assad's ruling Socialist Baath party. (Reuters, AP)

Shoppers in bid to beat import levy

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Importers of cars and home appliances said yesterday that they are not worried by the government's decision to impose a compulsory deposit on imports.

The crowds in car showrooms decreased yesterday because importers told customers that even if they paid cash, the vehicles could not be released from customs on the same day, and they would still have to pay the higher price.

On the other hand, stores selling home appliances were packed, and sales staff were rushed off their feet. At Salon Allenby, a salesman said that during the last few days sales had increased by 50 to 60 per cent. He emphasized that sales were only on items that they had in the store.

Central Bank hits Aridor's economics

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Sharp criticism of government economic policy during 1981 and 1982 is contained in the Bank of Israel's annual report issued yesterday.

The report was presented by the central bank's governor Moshe Mandelbaum at a press conference in Jerusalem. Later he submitted it to the Knesset Finance Committee.

Speaking at the press conference, Mandelbaum did not mention some of the more negative findings. In other instances he contradicted the written text.

Sources at the Bank told The Jerusalem Post that Mandelbaum had apparently tried to intervene in the preparation of the report, prepared by the bank's Research Department, and tried unsuccessfully to play down some of the more negative comments on government policy.

During the press conference the governor did not mention the increase in the foreign debt. He blamed negative developments in the economy, such as the drop in exports and inflation, on the world depression and the war in Lebanon.

The governor said that he supported the policy of the government, but insisted that the slow devaluation of the shekel must be accompanied by a cut in government spending.

He said that the government has to cut its spending by 10 per cent in the next two years, but he did not mention specific items which could be axed.

The written report by the bank's economists gives a different view of economic developments. The report shows that during the last two years Israel's foreign debt increased by an annual rate of 15 per cent while the excess of imports over exports went from \$850 million in 1978 to 1980 to \$2.1 billion in 1982.

The report blames the acceleration of inflation during the last year on the high level of government spending in 1981 and the massive subsidies introduced by the Finance Minister Yoram Aridor.

The report adds that the policy of slowing down devaluation contributed in the short term to moderating the rate of inflation, but at the price of worsening the balance of payments.

The public, the report says, believed it would be impossible to sustain the low rate of exchange and increased in its consumption of imported goods to take advantage of their relatively low price.

Constant changes in the policy of controlled prices, the report says, only contributed to uncertainty among the public.

On unemployment, the report states that the number of jobless remained constant during the last two years, at 5 per cent, but that this figure was misleading.

It must be taken into account, said the report, that the size of the labour force has diminished during the last two years, since a number of the unemployed had given up looking for work.

The report says in its opening remarks that hidden unemployment has developed in the economy with employers avoiding lay-offs.

During the press conference Mandelbaum hinted that differences exist between himself and his deputy Yakir Plesner.

Plesner did not attend the press conference, unlike the rest of the Bank's senior officials dealing with the report.

Explaining this, Mandelbaum said that he did not invite Plesner since his presence would have prompted questions not connected with the report.

Government adopts economic measures Import prices up 9%; tax on bank accounts

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The price of most imported durable consumer goods will go up by about 9 per cent today following the reintroduction of compulsory deposits by importers. The measure was approved yesterday by the Ministerial Finance Committee, which also decided to recommend the imposition of a 0.3 per cent tax on all withdrawals from current bank accounts, a step designed to finance Israel's stay in Lebanon.

The withdrawal tax will be effective only after it is approved by the Knesset. It will be proposed as a law in the coming days.

After the committee's special meeting, Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt signed a decree imposing on importers of 311 products a 15 per cent compulsory deposit on the value of the goods imported, including purchase taxes and customs levies.

The deposit will be made at the Treasury for a year in local currency, and will not bear interest or be linked to the price index. This is equivalent to imposing a 9 per cent tax on importers, since the deposits will be worth only 40 per cent of their original real value at the end of the year, with the current rate of inflation taken into account.

As the importers are expected to pass on the tax to consumers, prices are likely to go up by 9 per cent.

The ministerial decree will be effective for six months, and according to Patt, will be reviewed from time to time according to need.

The Treasury and the Industry and Trade Ministry estimate the worth of the goods covered in the decree will total \$1 billion a year.

Yesterday's economic measures are meant to rectify certain "deviations" in the government's fiscal policy, Finance Minister Yoram Aridor declared in Jerusalem last night.

He said that he expected no further taxes to be imposed in the near future, and no drastic devaluation.

Aridor added that the measures were designed to bring about public participation in the funding of the war in Lebanon and the IDF's continuing presence in that country. He said such means were preferable to printing more currency.

0.3% is really much more

Post Economic Reporter

How large is the tax on money in circulation? Finance Minister Yoram Aridor said yesterday that it is small and marginal — "only" 0.3 per cent.

But a simple calculation shows that it is really almost 60 per cent. Because of Israel's high inflation rate, money in circulation changes hands at a very fast rate — once a day, on the average. Thus, assuming, for illustration, that there are IS1,000 in circulation, the state will take IS3 of them on the first day of the tax. On the next day, it will take another 0.3 per cent of IS997, and so on, every working day.

There are about 290 bank working days a year, and the cumulative calculation, if this operation is repeated 290 times, leads to a total gain for the Treasury of IS582, or 58.2 per cent of the money in circulation.

Patt explained after the ministerial meeting that the government had to take the measures because during the last few months, the growth in imports has badly affected Israel's balance of payments. Israel could not look on while imports occupied a growing share of the local market, he added.

The Treasury expects that the increased price of imports will raise the consumer price index by 1.2 per cent.

Patt also said that the steps taken by the committee are in accordance with the government's economic policy and can be acceptable to any member of the Liberal Party.

Compulsory deposits were introduced for the first time in 1970 by then industry minister Yosef Sapir, and later abolished. They were reintroduced for a six-month period by the Alignment government in 1974, and applied again in 1979 by Yigael Hurvitz.

Economic observers pointed out that the scope of the deposit imposed this time is much larger than the one introduced in 1979. At that time, the price of imports increased by about 1.5 per cent, as compared to 9 per cent now. Patt came to the ministerial meeting straight from Ben-Gurion Airport, after returning from Europe, where he held talks with the Common Market authorities on the plans to raise the import prices.

Patt did not comment on the expected reaction in other countries to the government step, but said that other countries have taken such measures in the past. Our representatives abroad will inform international organizations and governments about the decision, he said. Speaking about the withdrawal tax on current accounts, the Treasury's director general,

Ezra Sadan, explained that the ministry expects it to collect about IS10 billion a year.

Sadan explained that the imposition of the tax was made necessary by Israel's prolonged stay in Lebanon.

Every sum of money passing through current accounts will be charged with the 0.3 per cent tax. Sadan said that since the payments of social and welfare allowances are made through current bank accounts, they will be adjusted so that welfare payment allowance receivers will not suffer from the step.

The sums charged by the banks will be transferred to the Treasury anonymously, so the ministry will have no way of knowing from which accounts the money came.

Sadan explained that bank managers were warned several days ago by the Treasury about the planned step.

Economic observers said that the measure actually consists of a tax on the circulation of money. They said it will probably encourage people to hold more cash and to demand payments in cash instead of cheques.

The ministerial decision to raise the price of imports was welcomed by Manufacturers' Association president Eli Hurvitz. He said that he will encourage his fellow industrialists to restrain their price increases.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel welcomed the levy on imports, but described the withdrawal tax as harmful to employees.

The expected increase in import prices will affect purchases of cars, trucks, buses, video sets, televisions, car radios, washing machines and airconditioners, among other appliances.

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Professor Lucian Regeboogen of Tel Aviv University has been awarded the Richard Steio memorial prize for his contribution to research in hereditary eye diseases.

A chair for theoretical study of nuclear energy, bearing the name of Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, will be inaugurated at Tel Aviv University on Monday, June 6. The chair is endowed by friends of the university in France, and will be filled by Prof. Yehuda Eisenberg, a graduate of MIT in the U.S. and former professor at the University of Virginia and the Hebrew University.

Esther Grynpas of Belgium was the guest of honour on Monday at a ceremony to mark her donation to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem of a collection of rare books in Sinology, in memory of her late husband Prof. Benedikt Grynpas. The ceremony, which was held at the Jewish National and University Library on the Givat Ram campus, was followed by a luncheon at the Belgium House Faculty Club, with the participation of the Belgian consul in Jerusalem, Jan Willems.

Prof. Haim Zauberman, head of the Department of Ophthalmology, Hadassah Medical Centre, will speak on Trends and Advances in Cataract Surgery at the weekly meeting of Jerusalem Rotary Club, 1 p.m. at the YMCA today.

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at the Nof Hotel, 1 p.m. today.

ARRIVALS

For the annual meeting of the board of governors of Tel Aviv University, Mr. and Mrs. David Rabinovitch from Austria; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Spier from Holland; Mr. Herbert Cohen from Holland for the dedication of the Herbert Cohen Rare Books Collection.

DEPARTURES

Dr. Natan, Israeli representative of the Women's League for Israel - for New York for the donors luncheon and final arrangements for the 55th anniversary.

Jordan sets up militia

AMMAN (AP) — A law that allows Jordanians to form a popular army (militia) was approved here on Monday by the Jordanian National Consultative Council, official sources said.

Under the new law, Jordanian males aged 16 to 55 and females aged 16 to 45 would be allowed to volunteer in the newly-formed army.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Doctors still waiting for 'concrete' proposals

By HAJM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Doctors last night had still not returned to the bargaining table to resume the talks which they broke off unexpectedly early yesterday morning.

Dr. Shmuel Friedman, head of the doctors' strike committee, said that he and his colleagues were still waiting to hear concrete new proposals from the Treasury, the Health Ministry and the Histadrut Kupat Holim. In another unexpected move, the doctors announced yesterday that any proposals would have to be in writing.

Friedman said that on Monday night after the sub-committees discussing each aspect of the negotiations gathered and compared notes, they found that of six topics discussed — hours, directors, specialists, residents (training specialists), clinics and pensioners — progress had been achieved in only one, that regarding the residents. On the other subjects, the answer of the employers had been that they would be discussed within a few months. He said that the doctors would

wait for "at least a day, but not much more," to hear from the employers, before taking more drastic strike action. He added that the doctors were "very angry" at Treasury Director-General Ezra Sadan, who was quoted as saying on Monday that the doctors were "red terrorists."

Sadan said yesterday in a radio interview that he had been misquoted, but that in any case, he apologized. He said that during the 30 hours of talks, the employers had made offers "to the limits of our possibilities." But he added that it might be possible to extend the current proposals to the specialists, as well as the residents.

Sadan also said that in view of reported ill-will between himself and the doctors, he had expressed his willingness to leave them in the hands of someone else. The problem, he said, is to find someone who was not just pleasant, but who can take responsibility as well.

Professor Haim Doron, head of the Histadrut's Kupat Holim, who initiated this round of talks, said he did not think the discussions were a mistake. There was progress in specific areas, he said.

IDF, Fijians keep house under siege

BEIRUT (AP) — Israeli and Fijian soldiers continued their siege of a house yesterday where Israeli-backed militiamen were trapped for the second day after a fight with Fijian soldiers, a UN spokesman said.

Timur Goksel, spokesman for UNIFIL, said six or seven Israeli soldiers on the roof of the two-storey house faced two "observation positions" of Fijian soldiers less than 200 metres away.

An Israeli armoured vehicle was also parked outside the house near Kneise, seven kilometres southeast of Tyre.

Goksel said the "unspecified number of gunmen" have been inside the house following an argument on Sunday at a Fijian checkpoint near Kneise, in which the house owner and militia leader, Ali Sweidan refused to allow his car to be searched for weapons. Sweidan blocked the road with his car after being refused permission to pass.

But Goksel said Sweidan later got past the checkpoint as part of an

Israeli convoy, and was taken to the house. Later, a Fijian "batalioo" duty officer and his escort who went to inspect the scene came under fire, and 23-year-old Fijian Private Taniela Taukei was shot and killed.

A Lebanese man who was allegedly involved in the killing of the Fijian soldier panicked after being harassed a number of times by Fijian members of UNIFIL, an Israeli Defence Forces spokesman said yesterday in Tel Aviv.

The spokesman said tensions between local villagers and the Fijians have been running high since April, when Fijian soldiers allegedly killed a Lebanese doctor after making a pass at his wife.

Goksel, in an interview from UNIFIL headquarters in Nakura, said that the force's commander, Lt.-Gen. William Callaghan had requested a meeting yesterday with the Israeli commander in Lebanon, OC Northern Commander Aluf Amir Drori. The meeting "has been postponed," Goksel said, and no further time has been set.

Soldier buried in Jerusalem rites

A large crowd of mourners yesterday attended the funeral of Sami Rishon Gavriel Gafni at the Mt. Herzl military cemetery in Jerusalem. Gafni, 30, was killed in a terrorist attack in Lebanon on Monday.

Gafni's unit commander in the IDF recalled for the mourners Gafni's quiet and considerate character and his helpful spirit. "Gafni is survived by his parents and a sister." (Itim).

Anti-Sharon forces rally in Montreal

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
MONTREAL — The presence in Montreal of Ariel Sharon, Israel's former defence minister, has triggered possibly the most hostile confrontation ever between the anti-Zionist supporters of the PLO, and a great mass of the population supporting Israel.

Sharon is scheduled to address a fund-raising dinner here tonight at the Ritz Carlton Hotel on behalf of the Canadian Sbaare Zedek Hospital Foundation.

While the selection of Sharon as guest speaker triggered concern among many members of the Jewish community, the controversy is now centred largely on one of Quebec's

most prominent union leaders, Yvon Charbonneau, president of the Centrale de L'Enseignement du Quebec, the teachers' union in Catholic schools.

At a press conference, Charbonneau, who supports the Palestine Liberation Organization, announced that because of Sharon's visit to Montreal, thousands of posters and pamphlets were being distributed to teachers to raise money for Palestinian and Lebanese war victims.

Also announced was an "anti-Zionist" demonstration in midtown Montreal, only a short distance from the hotel where Sharon is to speak.

City appeals Katamon soccer decision

Post Knesset Correspondent

The Jerusalem municipality is appealing the refusal of the planning authorities to permit the use of Hapoel's soccer stadium in Katamon — it wants the pitch used for practice though not for matches.

Deputy mayor Avraham Kahila, explaining the municipality's stand in the Knesset sub-committee on sport yesterday, said the municipality would help carry out any solution to the problem of soccer facilities in Jerusalem which the government proposes. He said the suggestion of the sub-committee that the Hebrew University stadium on Givat Ram be used by all the local clubs for two or three seasons on a temporary basis until a permanent stadium is built, entails serious obstacles, and would require a large financial outlay.

Prof. Don Patinkin, the new president and rector of the Hebrew University, told the sub-committee that the university had not received any official request for the use of the Givat Ram stadium by local clubs. If it were approached, it would set up a committee to study the request, Patinkin said.

Brzezinski said he met Yasser Arafat

ABU DHABI (Reuters) — Former U.S. national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski was yesterday quoted as having told a group of officials from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Foreign Ministry that he had met Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, the official Emirates news agency said.

Israel 'should try Nazi criminals'

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim said yesterday that the State of Israel has a historical obligation to bring every Nazi criminal to justice, and preferably in Israel.

Surveying his ministry's activities, Nissim told the Knesset that if the U.S. suggests that Nazi criminals in that country be extradited to Israel for trial here, "we must not only agree, we must make efforts to bring this about."

But every case must be examined individually, Nissim said. If another country proposes not to extradite but to banish a Nazi criminal to Israel, we must first examine whether we have sufficient evidence to convict.

The minister said that contrary to some press reports, the expense of conducting such trials here is not a

justice in the areas, one for the Jews and one for Arabs, Nissim declared. Earlier, in reply to a parliamentary question by Ariel Weinstein (Likud-Liberal), Nissim strongly censured District Court Judge Dov Eitan for having said, during a case he was presiding over, "If that's the way the Broadcasting Authority acts, I'd set fire to the building."

During the debate, Moshe Shahal (Alignment) said that if due process of law is not observed with regard to the Arabs in the territories, tomorrow it will not be observed within the Green Line. Mordechai Virshupski (Shinui) said that the minister of justice should be more than just another minister. He should have been the first to demand a commission of inquiry of Sabra and Shatilla, where its line was attacked. Nissim did neither.



Despite the tension, Israeli soldiers in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley take time off to enjoy a game of backgammon. (IPPA)

Baranes may be out of jail by the end of this week

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Justice Ministry is discussing whether to reduce convicted killer Amos Baranes's life sentence to the eight years he has already served. Baranes has claimed his innocence since the day he was arrested.

A decision could come as early as this week, and one Prison Service source has said Baranes could be home "by the weekend."

Baranes was convicted 6 1/2 years ago in December 1976 for the 1975 murder of 19-year-old Rahel Heller. The murder and the subsequent police investigation, which went on for nearly two years before the arrest of the then-31-year-old Haifa man in April 1975, is considered one of the most controversial criminal cases in the history of the state.

There has been a perjury trial in which the officer who brought Baranes to court was convicted by one court, only to have that conviction overturned by a higher court. At least two books have been written

ten on Baranes, and the police have admitted that there were improprieties in the investigation.

Since his conviction, Baranes has refused to consider amnesty or a pardon, saying that it would leave him with a criminal record. But in recent months, he has held several conversations with the head of the Prison Service, Mordechai Wertheimer, and with the head of Ramle Prison, Guodard Mishne David Peri, both of whom have tried to convince him to accept a pardon or a reduced sentence.

The election of Chaim Herzog as president also prompted several of those who took up Baranes's case to look into a reduction of his sentence, because Herzog was one of the 17 MKs who at the time called for a retrial of Baranes's case.

Baranes himself did not make the request to the Justice Ministry for the pardon, but reliable sources have said that he has decided to accept such a reduction of sentence, if offered.

Begin ready to address U.S. Congress

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Menachem Begin told a group of six Pennsylvania legislators yesterday that he would be honoured to accept an invitation to address a joint session of Congress during his coming visit to the U.S.

Democratic Congressman Robert Edgar and Republican Senator Arlen Specter told the prime minister that they are planning to introduce motions in the House and Senate to issue such an invitation, and asked Begin if he would address such a session as a way of helping to stimulate the peace process.

"I would do so gladly," Begin replied, noting, however, that a date has not yet been set for the visit, which is planned for the summer. Two other congressmen present

at the meeting in the Prime Minister's Office — Pennsylvania Democrat Peter Kostmayer and New York Democrat Ted Weiss — told Begin they would be going to Damascus this week and would raise the issue with Syrian officials of Israeli prisoners of war and the return of Israeli soldiers' bodies.

In answer to a question, Begin said that he "supposes the Soviets are interested in the Syrians staying in Lebanon."

Afterwards, the group was received by President Chaim Herzog at Beit Hanassi. Asked for an assessment of the situation in Lebanon "as a military historian," Herzog replied that the outbreak of another war in Lebanon depends on the Soviet Union, which must be deterred by the U.S.

Liberals postpone showdown by fortnight

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV — A showdown in the Liberal Party has been postponed for a fortnight after an acrimonious session of the party presidium decided yesterday to put off further deliberation of the strife.

But yesterday was the first time that the adversaries met to grapple with the crisis that beset the party when Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i announced that he and four other Liberal MKs (Deputy Minister Pessah Grupper, and MKs Pinhas Goldstein, Benny Sbalita and Yehuda Perah) are forming their own faction within the Liberal Party.

The assault on Moda'i was led by Jewish Agency Chairman Arye Dulzin, who demanded that Moda'i retract his request that Prime Minister Menachem Begin, in his capacity as Likud leader, recognize the Moda'i five as a separate faction. Dulzin argued that the Liberal Party cannot suffer a "party-within-a-party." He was supported by Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir and Justice Minister Moshe Nissim. The latter was a one-time Moda'i ally in the party.

Moda'i retorted that he will rescind his request to Begin if his conditions for rehabilitating the party are met.

Moda'i, who is presidium chairman, said that the presidium has no real powers, and that his authority is not clearly defined.

He demanded that his party sponsor legislation clearing the way for a second television channel and set up a national health scheme.

Anti-war parents to continue campaign

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The anti-war group Parents Against Silence has decided to "continue the struggle," after meeting yesterday with Defence Minister Moshe Arens.

Five women from the group, which on Monday held a large demonstration outside the Knesset calling for an immediate end to the Israeli presence in Lebanon, met with Arens in his Tel Aviv office.

"He listened carefully," said Tamar Shai, one of the participants, "but on the basis of his answers, we think we have to continue our struggle."

Zamir: Too many in W. Bank law enforcement

Post Knesset Correspondent

Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir said yesterday that law and order are hard to enforce in the areas because of the multiplicity of military as well as police factors involved.

There is no clear line of demarcation, he told the Knesset Interior Committee, with regard to the responsibilities, powers and procedures of the various bodies. There is not enough coordination and not enough cooperation.

The committee was discussing the Karp report about the failure of the authorities to put down Jewish vigilantism in the areas.

The IDF, and the police in particular, lack adequate and trained manpower to enforce law and order in the areas, Zamir said. Nitzav Yehzekel Carthy, head of the police investigation branch, said the police operate in Judea and Samaria according to instructions and the orders from IDF military governor.

"The police have no authority to operate independently," Carthy said.

Zamir said that the ministers of defence, interior and justice would meet in a few days to discuss proposals he drafted in collaboration with his deputy Yehudit Karp, the author of the report, for more effective enforcement.

Interior Committee chairwoman Shoshana Arbell said the committee would meet in a month. By then, hopefully, the three ministers will have reached conclusions on the Zamir-Karp proposals.

The Interior Committee has demanded to see the Karp Report, because it is responsible for police. The Law Committee has demanded it because it is responsible for the Justice Ministry. Both committees have rejected Zamir's suggestion that when he is ready to make the report public, he will present it to a joint committee.

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Haifa hospital chief rejects state comptroller's criticism

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

The director of Haifa's Rambam Hospital, Prof. Moshe Brandeis, rejected yesterday as totally unfounded the criticism in the state comptroller's report of the way his hospital functioned during the first period of the war in Lebanon.

After hearing Brandeis in the Knesset State Control Committee, chairman Avraham Katz-Oz said the comptroller's findings should be "reappraised."

Tat-Aluf Moshe Revah, the Israel Defence Forces chief medical officer, bore out Brandeis's complaint against the report, and charged that Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik had not approached him before publishing his findings.

(The report said that the hospital did not keep written records of wounded soldiers transferred elsewhere; did not function as a hospital handling a whole war theatre, responsible for classifying wounded; and that Rambam kept all the burn victims.)

Brandeis said that Rambam did not get instructions to function as a "war theatre hospital," that it kept records on each and every soldier brought in or transferred elsewhere and that it kept all the burn victims on the advice of Prof. Dan Mahler, chairman of the professional committee on burn victims.

Katz-Oz complained that in the Lebanon war, the Supreme Hospitalization Authority was not brought into action as in previous emergencies, on the thesis that there would only be a limited operation in Lebanon. In fact, the operation took on the dimensions of a full-scale war, Katz-Oz said.

Tunik also wrote a letter yesterday to Aguda MK and carpet manufacturer Avraham Shapira, expressing his regret over a press distortion connected with the report and with Tunik's introductory press conference on Monday.

Tunik enclosed a letter he wrote to one of the morning papers, complaining that he never named Shapira — as the paper claimed — and that he never linked the comment about the authorities' favouritism to the finding about aid to a factory in one of the development towns.

(Before Shapira became an MK, he got large-scale aid from the Treasury to rebuild his burnt-out factory in Netivot.)

Liberal MK Ariel Weinstein issued a written statement in the Knesset yesterday complaining that the State Comptroller's Office was weak and ineffective, and suggesting that Tunik should resign. Tunik's office is short of manpower, and lacks a guiding hand and a clear work programme, Weinstein said.

PLO LEADERS

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are advocating.

Arafat's presence in Tripoli since the beginning of the week and the stepped-up guerrilla war against Israeli forces in Lebanon would appear to confirm that Arafat has already come to terms with the fact that his diplomatic strategy has run out of steam, and that for the immediate future, he will have to identify himself fully with the alternative strategy of "armed struggle" by personally leading that struggle.

Other moves to end the revolt were taken yesterday by Syrian President Hafez Assad and the two main radical groups in the PLO, George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and

Nayef Hawatma's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

According to agency reports from Damascus, Assad, Habash and Hawatma decided to intercede after the revolt showed signs of turning violent at the beginning of the week. It was then that Arafat loyalists held off a rebel attack on a PLO training base outside Damascus on Sunday, in which two guards were wounded.

Saudi Arabia yesterday also expressed concern about the latest developments inside Fatah, and King Fahd called on the opposing factions to settle their differences peacefully "and purify the atmosphere so that they may face the challenges of destiny alongside their Syrian brothers."

Public group protests Haifa air pollution

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — More than 200 people attended a meeting outside the Abba Khoushy community centre in Neveh Sha'anani last night to protest the lack of anti-pollution measures in the Haifa Bay area. The meeting was organized by the newly formed Public Committee for the Reduction of Air Pollution in Haifa and the surrounding area.

Committee chairman Professor Yosef Karmi said the group's first step will be to write to Interior Minister Yosef Burg and Prime Minister Menachem Begin about the serious situation that exists in the area.

He said the government is responsible, because of its lack of action, for the extensive damage to the health of the community.

Haifa Mayor Arye Gur-El, who is also chairman of the local authorities union for environmental

protection, said the main offenders are the oil refineries and the Electric Corporation's Haifa Bay power station, which together allegedly produce 90 per cent of the city's air pollution in the form of sulphur dioxide gases.

Trust funds freed from paying levy

Finance Minister Yoram Aridor yesterday exempted investment trust funds from paying the levy on share transactions.

Freeing the trust funds from this obligation is designed to "increase activity in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange," according to a Treasury announcement.

The trust funds will now be able to increase their activity in the stock market and to invest in shares whose market value is below their real value.

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Past W. Bank vigilantism may go unprobed

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Dozens of past cases of anti-Arab vigilantism on the West Bank could go uninvestigated and the perpetrators never brought to justice, because the government would rather focus on ways to fight such vigilantism in the future than "harp on the past," a source close to the Karp committee said last night.

The source, asking for anonymity, said that while he "understands" Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir's decision to refrain from making the Karp committee documents public until after a ministerial level decision is reached on new ways to fight vigilantism, there is concern in the law enforcement establishment that the intention of the government "is to avoid dealing with past incidents."

Zamir yesterday told Knesset Interior Committee that it would

"not be useful" at this time to hand over the documents from the Karp committee to the Knesset. Asked what the attorney-general meant by "useful," the source said that the Justice Ministry is waiting for the ministerial level committee to meet before "coming down one way or the other."

The ministerial committee includes Defense Minister Moshe Arens, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, Justice Minister Moshe Nisim and Zamir.

The committee was set up more than a week ago, and will concentrate on a working paper prepared by, among others, deputy attorney-general Yehudit Karp, whose resignation from a two-year-old committee that studied vigilantism and law enforcement in the territories sparked the public debate on the subject.

"What worries some of us," said the law enforcement source, "is that

there are dozens of cases that we know about and which have not been adequately investigated because of the circumstances of the territories. And it looks like they'll never be investigated, because the government wants to 'look forward.'"

Zamir, too, has said that he expects the emphasis of the ministerial committee to be on ways to combat vigilantism, rather than on specific past incidents.

The source did not want to predict what plans the ministerial committee might propose for improving law enforcement in the territories, but emphasized that the problem is "not simply a matter of police resources. It's a problem of who is in control there and who sets law enforcement policy."

Among the incidents that could go uninvestigated, warned the source, are "homicides, assaults, thefts, vandalism and conspiracy."

Sabbath dispute looms over Haifa cable car

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The \$1 million municipal cable car project from Bat Galim to Stella Maris has run into controversy with the religious parties, who have three seats on the city council, indicating that they will oppose the project if the cars operate on Saturdays and holidays.

Mayor Arye Gur-El told reporters yesterday that a decision about Saturday running had not yet been made. But he said that cost studies showed that the cable car would still be economically feasible if it only operates on a six-day-week basis.

Gur-El said work on the project will start on June 12, and should take about 18 months to complete. The municipality will borrow the \$1 million needed for equipment from foreign banks, probably Swiss. The loans will be paid back in five years.

He said that 1,000 people a day would have to use the cable car to make it viable and enable the municipality to pay back the loans. In theory, according to the cost studies, the project will not cost the municipality anything, he said.

Meanwhile, city hall is seeking private investors to develop tourist centres at both ends of the cable car line.

The centres will include a restaurant, cafes and shops. Six "gondola" cars will operate along the 360-meter line, with each trip lasting three minutes. The cable car will operate during the day and evenings. Referring to the municipality's \$55.1 billion budget which was approved by the city council on Monday, Gur-El said Haifa was paying more than its fair share for services like education and transport. The city pays 52 per cent of the education layout and the government contributes nothing to the library service, he said.

He also mentioned the Carmelit subway, which is classified as an official form of transport, but which only receives a government subsidy of 13 per cent on the cost of each ticket — compared to an 80 per cent subsidy for bus fares.

Gur-El said it is "scandalous" that the Carmelit, which carries about 11,000 passengers a day, does not get the same subsidy as the Egged and Dan bus cooperatives.

Police study plan to fight road accidents

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The police are considering establishing a special force to deal only with traffic control and the war against road accidents.

The head of operations at headquarters, Nitzan Zvi Bar, presented a draft of such a proposal to Interior Minister Yosef Burg earlier this week. The proposal will be studied in the coming weeks, with a final decision expected by mid-summer, a police spokesman said.

Meanwhile, the police recently re-organized their traffic control forces with district commands taking over from sub-districts all responsibility for matters involving

traffic and highway patrols. The idea is to put more police on the roads and to coordinate traffic accident control units.

Despite the high number of highway deaths — about 350 in 1982 — the police are claiming great successes in traffic accident control, saying that the number of accidents has been halved since 1972. The improvement has come in spite of the fact that the number of vehicles on the roads has tripled since 1972, and there has not been a corresponding improvement in the road network.

In an attempt to crack down on bad driving, the police are to begin putting unmarked, rented cars on

the roads during the summer. In the past, the use of such cars, which are unidentifiable as police vehicles, has given the police an edge in their war on bad driving.

But in the Interior Ministry there is disagreement over the plan, because more than 100 police cars are in the parking lot at national headquarters every day. These cars are used almost entirely by desk-bound senior officers who rarely need them except to go to and from work. Some Interior Ministry officials, while conceding that the rented car scheme has helped, believe that ways should be found to get the parked cars out of the lot and onto the roads.

21 months, IS50,000 for defrauding NH

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A former senior National Insurance Institute official was sentenced yesterday to 21 months in jail and 21 months suspended, and was given an IS50,000 fine after being convicted of fraud.

Petrit Ben-Ari, 42, of Rishon Le-Zion, between 1976 and 1982 embezzled more than IS100,000 and with the aid of the institute's computer paid it into his own account or accounts belonging to members of his family.

CORRECTION

The World Jewish Congress, Israel Section, on Monday held a memorial ceremony in Tel Aviv for Mark Tuckman, WJC Secretary in Latin America, and not the World Union of Jewish Students, as reported in yesterday's Jerusalem Post.

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Religious council man jailed for bribery

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Three months in prison were imposed yesterday on a former acting director of the Ganei Tikva Religious Council, Shalom Beidani, after he confessed to bribery, fraud and betrayal of trust when he transferred funds from the Ganei Tikva Local Council to charitable institutions.

Beidani was also given a nine-month suspended sentence. The court accepted his statement that he had not taken any of the money for himself.

Beidani admitted in the Tel Aviv District Court that in March 1980, he had conspired with the head of the Ganei Tikva Local Council Mordechai Weiss to find funds to help poor yeshiva students get married.

Beidani induced the chairman of a charity, The Association for the Cultivation of Values, to accept

IL150,000 from the local council for his society, IL100,000 of which would be returned to Weiss, to be used for charitable purposes. It was made clear to the chairman, Yosef Amrani, that a refusal to go along would dry up all future help from the local council. Amrani agreed, but refused to do so when Beidani made a second request.

Beidani also confessed to having passed between IL150,000-IL200,000 to Weiss after making similar deals with the head of the Nahalat Reuven yeshiva, Rabbi Carlstein.

In passing sentence, Judge Uri Strosman said that using public funds without the legal authority to do so is tantamount to theft, and it remains that even though the intention was to help poor yeshiva students.

Peace Now tells Begin to maintain initiative

Jerusalem Post Staff

Israel should not give the Syrians or the PLO the right to dictate when Israel should begin implementing its agreement with Lebanon, the Peace Now movement yesterday told Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Defense Minister Moshe Arens.

In telegrams to both of them, the movement said that carrying out the agreement could mean that "within a few weeks," Israeli troops would be out of Lebanon. A Peace Now spokesman said the movement is also calling on Lebanon to fulfill its part of the agreement.

The Committee against the War in Lebanon will hold a protest march in Tel Aviv on Saturday afternoon to back demands for Israel's immediate withdrawal from Lebanon, peace with the Palestinians and avoidance of war with Syria.

The march starts from Dizengoff, corner Ben-Gurion. It will join the Peace Now demonstration scheduled for the evening, Tamar Golan, a member of the Committee's Tel Aviv branch, told reporters yesterday. Peace Now had refused to hold a joint demonstration, she said.

Border Police pair accused of robbing Arabs

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Two Border Police officers were charged in district court here yesterday with stealing money from Arabs. The two — Ilan Oren, 21, of Rehovot and Zivun Trushchinski, 19, of Lod — are accused of making off with a total of IS1,400 from two groups of Arabs on Rehov Hayarkon on May 21.

According to the charge sheet,

Oren and Trushchinski, in uniform, approached the Arabs and told them to present identity cards and then fled with their loot. It is alleged. Judge Uri Strosman next adjourned proceedings until next week to allow the defendants' lawyer to study the charges. The defendants will continue to be kept under arrest.

Engineering survey set for Jaffa mosque

JAFFA. — The Public Works Department of the Labour Ministry will immediately begin an engineering survey of the site of the Hassan Bek mosque, it was announced yesterday. Part of the mosque collapsed on April 2.

The survey is expected to take 1½ months, and to cost IS250,000. Meanwhile, the Religious Affairs Ministry, which is responsible for administering the mosque, will continue to be in charge of the restoration project.

TRADE. — Members of the Committee for Economic Cooperation with Rumania met in Tel Aviv on Monday with Petro Popescu, director-general of the Rumanian Industry Ministry, to discuss bilateral trade. The committee was formed by the Israel Association of Industrialists.

FINES. — Justice Minister Moshe Nisim yesterday authorized an increase in fines which can be demanded by the public prosecutor for various offences. The fine for passing bad cheques is now to be IS300,000, while that for insulting a public servant has been raised to IS100,000.



Jukka Riippa (left), from the Friends of Israel in Finland, meets Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday in Jerusalem. Riippa is here with a delegation from Scandinavia-Israel friendship groups. (Zoom 77)

Sharon would accept post as minister for world Jewry

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former defence minister Ariel Sharon will agree to become minister for diaspora affairs should Prime Minister Menachem Begin offer him the post. Sharon said this in an interview to the Likud-linked Yoman Hashavva weekly which appears tomorrow.

This is the first time Sharon has openly expressed interest in the job, although his supporters in Herut have been lobbying hard for such an appointment for the past few months.

Yoman Hashavva polled Herut Knesset members on the question and found overwhelming support for the idea. Sharon told the weekly: "I already went on record several years back that if there is any job I really want it is to be minister for the affairs of the Jewish nation. I have not changed my mind. If Begin were to offer me this, I would gladly

accept it because I consider it of paramount importance."

Sharon also said in the interview that anyone who implies that he is "callous or unfeeling to the sensitivities of soldiers' mothers is guilty of base slander."

Sharon said he does sympathize with the mothers who want to see their sons back home, but feels that when some of them demonstrate, "they become the victims of the unrelenting campaign of demonization which is being waged against the government."

One result of the campaign, according to Sharon, has been to "make people forget what existed in Lebanon prior to the war. They forget the terrorist state which existed there with Beirut as its world capital."

Sharon left yesterday for a 10 day visit to Canada, accompanied by security men. There have been calls for demonstrations against his presence by groups critical of Israel.

Public gives Eitan high marks as CoS

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Almost half the public gives Rafael Eitan a full "10" for his performance as chief of staff, and some of the public would like to see him enter political life.

These are the findings of the latest Jerusalem Post poll conducted by the Modi'in Ezrabi Research Institute. A representative sample of 1,091 persons was interviewed between May 2 and May 10.

The interviewees were asked to rate Eitan's performance as chief of staff on a scale of one to 10. A full 47.5 per cent thought he deserved

the 10 mark. Some 14.6 per cent gave him a nine, 13.2 per cent gave him an eight, 4.5 per cent a seven, 3.1 per cent a six, three per cent a five, 0.9 per cent a four, 1 per cent a three, 0.6 per cent a two, and 2.7 per cent a one.

In all, says Dr. Sarah Shemer, who directed the poll, Rafal passed his test with flying colours. His overall average is 8.6. Among Likud voters, it is highest — 9.4 and among Alignment voters it is 7.8. Among the floating voters — his average mark is 8.5. Much of the public — 41.1 per cent — also wants Eitan to enter politics.

TA bus terrorists get life sentences

LOD (Itim). — The military court here yesterday sentenced two terrorists who last January attacked a bus in Tel Aviv to life imprisonment.

Eight passengers were wounded in the South Tel Aviv grove attack.

Court president Aluf Mishne Aharon Alpert said that Ibrahim Atiya Ahmed Nashab, 20, from Deir al-Balah and Nafaz Ahmed Abdul-Riad Bahisi, 20, from the Gazi refugee camp, both in the

Gaza Strip, intended to murder the passengers.

The two men planned the attack carefully during the week before they threw the two grenades, inspecting the site and checking on bus and pedestrian movements.

The defence argued that the men had acted out of feelings of frustration, and the IDF had already severely punished their families by blowing up their homes.

Hebrew books go on sale next week

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — About 25,000 Hebrew titles brought out by 123 book publishers in Israel will go on sale at 25 to 40 per cent discounts next Wednesday, the beginning of the 25th annual Hebrew book week.

The Hebrew Publishers Association is spending IS5 million to organize the week, president Rahel Edelman told the press yesterday. The Education Ministry and local authorities are contributing IS15m. A large part of the total is for security arrangements.

Dan Ronen, deputy director of the Education Ministry's cultural division said that in 1981-2, 4,127 new titles in 13 million volumes were published, slightly less than the previous year.

The publishers, as well as Shmuel Golan, president of the Hebrew Writers Association, took oppor-

tunity to urge the authorities to cancel taxes that increase the price of books. But Gabriel Cliffooy, chairman of the Hebrew Book Council, said the problem is "much more complex," because expensive books sell better than inexpensive ones.

Court jails man for calling judge Nazi

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Jerusalem judge sent 24-year-old Avner Kol to jail for nine months yesterday for calling a judge a "Nazi maniac Hitler," earlier this month.

Warning that the judiciary would not be able to conduct its affairs as an independent body if it is subject to such violent language and behaviour, Judge Uzi Sivan ordered Kol cited for contempt and imposed the nine-month sentence.

Kol was brought to the magistrates court for remand hearing because the police are investigating his role in an attempt on the life of an underworld figure from Gilo. Kol has in the past been suspected of involvement in several crimes.

The police are continuing their investigation into his role in the Gilo shooting attempt.

Tel Malhata Negev air base due to open in October

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL MALHATA. — The Negev air force base here will become operational by October, with families moved in by mid-summer in time for the opening of the school year. The area will be cleared of all civilians by the end of July, Dodik Shoshani, local head of the government authority in charge of the evacuation and resettlement of the Beduin from Tel Malhata, said this week.

A total of 470 families have

already moved to two new settlements, but 260 remain on at the advice of their lawyers, Shoshani said. They are holding out for more money but Shoshani warned that there will be no more cash, and those who wait will lose because their compensation is not linked.

Landowners are entitled to receive either irrigated or unirrigated agricultural land in compensation, he added and Beduin who planted wheat and barley in the airport area during the winter will be allowed to reap it.

Israel-Egyptian military body meets

Post Defence Correspondent

BEERSHEBA. — The joint Israel-Egypt military committee met in Beersheba yesterday for discussions "on points of mutual interest," according to an Israeli source.

The meeting was the second of four scheduled talks. On Monday, the committee met on the Egyptian side of the border at the Rafah checkpoint. Today and tomorrow, tri-lateral talks, with the participation of representatives of the Sinai Multinational Force, will be held in Sharm-e-Sheikh.

Although the talks stopped during the Lebanon war, they quietly resumed recently.

The Israeli delegation was headed

by Tat-Aluf Dov Sion, and the Egyptian delegation was led by Admiral Mohamed Hamdi.

OC Southern Command Aluf Haim Erez joined the negotiators for lunch at the newly opened Tel Sheba tourist centre.

While the subject of Tabu was included in the discussions, it was not a central issue, the future of the disputed holiday resort "being a political matter," an Israeli source said.

According to the source, the agenda included "those problems remaining open since April 1982," — when Israel completed its withdrawal from Sinai, "practical arrangements, and issues that require following up."

Fuel, subsidized food prices go up 5%

The price of fuels and basic foods went up an average of 5 per cent at midnight last night as part of the government's policy of cutting its subsidies.

The new price of petrol 91 octane is IS26.60 a litre. The old price was IS25.30. Other price changes are: petrol 94 octane IS29.30 (IS27.80); diesel fuel IS21.10 (IS20.10); kerosene, IS21.90 (IS20.80); domestic gas (12 kilogram cylinder) IS347.83 (IS331.25).

Food price changes are: standard bread IS5.40 (IS5.15); white bread

IS6.90 (IS6.50); halla IS7.90 (IS7.50); cooking oil (1 kilogram) IS20.90 (IS19.90); margarine IS27.10 (IS26.75); butter IS11.70 (IS11.15); milk (1 litre) IS13.50 (IS12.85); frozen meat (1 kg.): breast IS147 (IS140); shoulder IS196 (IS187); chicken nos. 1,2 IS97 (IS92); eggs no. 1 IS33.50 (IS32.20); no. 2 IS33.00 (IS31.50); no. 3 IS31.50 (IS30.00).

The increases require the approval of the Knesset Finance Committee.

Teachers union to present demands today

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The joint committee of the two teachers' unions is to present to government negotiators today a document which combines the demands of both unions.

Among other things, the document calls for cutting the size of classes. The unions' goal is regular classes with 36 pupils, and kindergarten and integrated classes with between 18 and 22 pupils. The teachers do not specify how far they expect to move toward that goal this year. Other demands include:

- Reduction of teachers' classroom hours, to enable them to

devote more time to other educational duties.

- A 5 per cent incentive for teachers in development towns and slums.
- Bringing teachers' salaries in line with those of engineers, as recommended by the Etzioni Commission.

The government's plan for implementing the Etzioni recommendations — a plan to which this document is a counter-proposal — has been calculated as costing IS16 billion. The teachers do not know how much their plan costs, but want Finance Ministry experts to put a price tag on it.

Ex-soccer star appeals against drug sentence

The appeal by former soccer star Roni (Abaron) Calderon against a seven-year prison sentence for smuggling heroin into the country was heard by the Supreme Court yesterday.

At the same time, justices Dov Levin, Yehuda Cohen and Eliezer Goldberg heard a call by the state for an increase in Calderon's sentence.

They decided to postpone their verdict to study the case.

Calderon, 31, who was extradited from the U.S., where he had lived for six years, was convicted and sentenced at Tel Aviv District Court last November.

His attorney Zvi Lidsky called on the justices to consider the fact that Calderon had dealt in drugs abroad and not in Israel, and therefore to reduce his sentence. Levin interjected: "What difference does that make? Is Israeli blood redder than the blood of others?"

Lidsky told the judges that Calderon had received a seven-year sentence while another man in the

case with a long criminal record, Nissim Lavie, had been jailed for only five years.

The state asked for the ex-sportsman's sentence to be increased "to the maximum." It said Calderon had smuggled enough "white death" into Israel to harm 100,000 people, and did it "in cold blood," despite already being a successful businessman in the U.S. (Itim)

Negev medical centre daubed with swastika

BEERSHEBA. — A swastika painted on the door of the striking doctors' alternative medical treatment centre in Beersheba on Monday night was discovered yesterday.

Naftali Shani, interim head of Soroka Hospital for the duration of the strike, said that he views this "as an act of a psychopath and the result of the national campaign against doctors."

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60-day state emergency declared in Peru

LIMA. — The government on Monday declared a 60-day state of emergency here and in the rest of Peru to fight terrorism. The measure suspending civil rights was the toughest taken by the government of President Fernando Belaunde since he came to office in 1980.

The Peruvian step came against the background of military and diplomatic activity in other Latin American states, including a rebel offensive in El Salvador, a Costa Rican request for monitors on the border with Nicaragua, and a meeting of envoys in Colombia due to start today.

The Peruvian Information Ministry said the emergency was declared because of "repeated acts of sabotage" following dynamite attacks over the weekend that blacked out the capital.

The decree stopped short, however, of ordering troops and tanks into the street, a move taken by Belaunde last week to break a police strike.

Blackouts continued over the weekend, and the centre of Lima suffered periodic power losses all day Monday.

In El Salvador, leftist rebels at-

tacked and seized two small towns on Monday, blocking a main highway that leads to the Honduran border. Residents and a guerrilla radio broadcast said. Residents, who asked not to be identified for fear of reprisal, said the rebels attacked Jocoro and El Divisadero and seized both. The two towns are in Murazan province, long a rebel stronghold.

The Defence Ministry press office said the army retook Jocoro nine hours after rebels seized it. A ministry communiqué said two government troops were killed and four were wounded in fierce fighting. It made no mention of rebel casualties.

In Panama City, nine Latin American foreign ministers ended a peace conference on Monday without breaking the impasse between Honduras and Nicaragua on means to defuse the threat of war.

The statement of the five Central American ministers plus the "Contadora Group" of Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia and Panama, said the nations would form a technical committee which would meet on June 14 to explore setting up "more advisable procedures" to deal with Central American problems.

There was no immediate action taken during the meeting on Costa Rica's request for a permanent team of observers to monitor its tense border with Nicaragua.

In Bogota, Colombia today, representatives of Cuba and 17 other Caribbean and Latin American countries are to gather to sign a declaration on keeping the conflict in Central America from spreading. The countries will sign the Cartagena Act, which already has been drawn up in support of the Contadora Group. (AP, Reuters)

Soviets introduce longer hours for defence workers

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The Soviet Union has abolished work shifts for most civilian employees in the defence industries, introducing a system under which they will have to put in longer hours, according to a report published yesterday.

The army daily *Krasnaya Zvezda* (Red Star) said the so-called "un-normed working day" had been introduced in military bases, factories and colleges — apparently to increase arms output.

The un-normed day, widely used in the Soviet Union in World War Two but rarely enforced in peace time, means workers have to stay at their jobs as long as supervisors think they are needed.

The report said workers would be compensated for their extra work by longer holidays as well as overtime payment. The trade unions concerned had agreed to the new system, the paper said.

Australia lifts Afghan war penalties on USSR

CANBERRA (Reuters). — Australia yesterday formally lifted sanctions imposed against the Soviet Union in January 1980 after Soviet troops moved into Afghanistan.

Foreign Minister Bill Hayden said the decision had been taken "in the wider interests of involving the Soviet Union in a more productive relationship."

Sanctions banning bilateral cultural, academic, sporting and scientific exchanges were imposed by the then Liberal-National Party government.

Hayden said Australia would continue to register publicly its strong objections to the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan, but added that continuing the sanctions, which have not affected trade between the two countries, would more likely be counter-productive.

Meanwhile in Afghanistan, rebel groups killed up to 100 government soldiers in two attacks last week, including one on Kabul, the capital, western diplomats reported.

The diplomats said the attacks marked an increase in rebel activity in and around Kabul after a three-week lull, and there were indications more raids on the capital might be imminent.

Dinner-knife Iraqi hijacker subdued over U.S.

BOSTON (AP). — A man brandishing a dinner knife tried to hijack a Saudi Airlines jumbo jet to Lebanon yesterday, but was subdued as the plane was being diverted to Boston, authorities said. There were no injuries on the plane, bound from Saudi Arabia to New York.

Authorities identified the man as Sa'id Ali, 39, an Iraqi. He was travelling with his 13-year-old daughter, according to a spokesman for the Massachusetts Port Authority. The spokesman said that shortly before the Boeing 747 reached the U.S., Ali grabbed his dionerware and demanded that the plane, with 145 passengers and 25 crew aboard, head for Lebanon. The plane was diverted to Boston because of bad weather, and the man was subdued.

Oil slick floats onto eastern Saudi coast

BAHRAIN (Reuters). — Thick tarry balls from an oil slick threatened marine life and desalination plants in the Persian Gulf were reported to have hit parts of Saudi Arabia's eastern coast, Gulf environment officials said yesterday.

They said the balls of heavy crude hit the Saudi coast near the Saudi oil terminal of Ras Tannura on Monday. They declined to give further details or say whether the patches hit in significant amounts.

Ras Tannura lies 56 kilometres north of a Saudi desalination plant in Al-Khobar, which reopened earlier this month after being closed in March, and the same distance from the northern coast of Bahrain. There was no official Saudi confirmation of the reports.

The slick is caused by oil spewing from damaged Iranian wells.

Averell Harriman likely to meet with Andropov

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Former U.S. ambassador Averell Harriman, who is visiting Moscow, is expected to hold talks with Soviet leader Yuri Andropov, an aide of the veteran foreign affairs expert said yesterday.

Harriman, 91, arrived in Moscow on Monday night for a five-day stay, and had been told in advance that a conversation with the Kremlin chief would be possible.

Andropov has not met any U.S. political figures since brief talks with Vice-President George Bush at the funeral of President Leonid Brezhnev in November. He could be expected to use such a discussion to relay his thoughts on the prospects for a summit meeting with President Ronald Reagan.

Harriman was U.S. envoy to the Soviet Union during World War II.

U.S. hints at readiness to modify currency policy

WILLIAMSBURG (Reuters). — The U.S. will listen more closely in the future to requests from its allies for action to try to stabilize the world's currency markets, a senior U.S. official said yesterday.

He told reporters that after this weekend's summit of major western industrialized nations, the Reagan administration's policy on intervention has been "modified to this extent, that we agree to talk more and discuss more about intervention as to whether it would be helpful."

The administration had consistently said it would intervene only when markets are "disorderly." It had steadfastly resisted calls from some of its allies, particularly France and Italy, to enter the foreign exchange markets more frequently.

But a final communiqué issued yesterday by leaders of the U.S., Britain, Canada, France, Italy,

Japan, and West Germany said they would intervene jointly "where it is agreed that such intervention would be helpful."

The official said the administration still believed intervention was appropriate only when markets were disorderly, but he added: "Disorderly market" is an artful phrase. It could be interpreted in several ways.

If all six of the U.S. partners at the summit said markets were disorderly and intervention was needed, Washington "would probably respect that view," he added.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan would not answer directly when asked at a press conference if U.S. policy had been changed by the summit, but he said Washington would act in accordance with the final communiqué.

West welcomes Iran signals

WILLIAMSBURG (AP). — Foreign ministers at the economic summit conference agreed that they should encourage Iran's signals of wanting improved relations with the West, Japanese Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe said yesterday.

Abe told reporters that he had brought up Iran during the meeting because Japan "has the closest relations with Iran among the countries of the West."

A West German official said Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich

Genscher noted that the Iranian ambassador in Bonn had called on the Foreign Office and said Iran wanted improved contacts and trade relations with West Germany.

The official said similar approaches had been made by Iranian diplomats in Brussels, Rome and Paris.

"Iran is stretching its tendency toward a realistic policy," Abe said. "The West should make efforts to encourage this tendency."

Thatcher denies intention to scrap UK health service

LONDON (AP). — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, back in the election fray after the Williamsburg summit, yesterday denied opposition charges that she secretly plans to scrap Britain's socialized medicine system.

"I have no more intention of dismantling the National Health Service than I have of dismantling Britain's defences," the prime minister said at a morning news conference.

Both the main opposition Labour Party and the third-placed Social Democratic-Liberal Party Alliance claimed that leaked cabinet documents indicate the ruling Conservatives plan to roll back the welfare state if returned to power in the June 9 election.

The latest opinion poll, quoted yesterday on TV-AM Breakfast

Television, gave Thatcher's Tories 41 per cent of the vote, Labour 30 per cent, the alliance 24 per cent and others 5 per cent. This represented a drop in support for the Tories and Labour, and an increase for the alliance.

With nine days of campaigning left, Thatcher responded to the health service accusations by saying: "These scares are cruel and calculated to put fear into the most vulnerable members of society — the pensioners and the sick. They are callous and they are without foundation."

But Labour leader Michael Foot said he had evidence that under the Tories, Britain would be faced with the most serious attack on the NHS since it was started by a Labour government in 1948.

Turkey's military rulers ban new-old political party

ANKARA (Reuters). — Turkey's ruling generals yesterday shut down one of the country's five new political parties and ordered the detention of 14 former politicians, including former prime minister Süleyman Demirel.

The move, announced on state radio, was one of the toughest steps taken by the ruling military National Security Council since Demirel and other political leaders were detained after the September 1980 coup.

It came only five weeks after a ban on politics was lifted in advance of November general elections to restore civilian government.

The decree ordered the immediate closure of the Grand

Turkey Party, which was founded on May 20 by retired general Fethi Esener. Political sources said Esener had the backing of Demirel, former leader of the now-banned conservative Justice Party.

Demirel, prime minister at the time of the coup, was banned from politics for 10 years along with 480 other pre-coup political figures, including former prime minister and leader of the left-of-centre republican People's Party, Bülent Ecevit.

Yesterday's decree ordered Demirel, six other prominent JP leaders and seven former senior RPP men to be detained in Canakkale, a town on the Dardanelles Straits.

Japan adjusts history books

TOKYO (Reuters). — Japan will reinstate the word "invasion" in junior high school history textbooks to describe Japanese military conquests in Asia before and during World War II, according to textbook writers.

China, South Korea and other Asian countries strongly protested last year when the Education Ministry replaced the word "invasion" with "advance."

Accusations that Japan was trying to whitewash its war record forced

the education department to agree to reinstate some deletions.

One textbook author, Professor Kazumichi Oye, said the ministry had also issued detailed instructions on how some incidents, including massacres by Japanese troops in Nanking and Singapore, should be rewritten.

Instructions insisted that references to the numbers killed in such massacres had to be verified and substantiated.

Seoul police raid human rights HQ

SEOUL (Reuters). — About 200 plainclothes police yesterday stormed a civil rights organization's headquarters here and detained three leading South Korean dissidents, eyewitnesses said.

The three, including human rights leader Reverend Moon Il-Hwan, had begun a hunger strike earlier yesterday to support former opposition leader Kim Young-Sam, who has been fasting for two weeks to

press for a return to full democracy.

Kim, 55, a former presidential contender, was forcibly taken by police last Wednesday to a Seoul hospital, where his condition was reported to be weakening.

The authorities yesterday lifted a 12-month-old house arrest order on Kim, but the veteran politician said he would continue refusing food and medication until his demands are met.

Andropov's rival reappears in Moscow

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Soviet Politburo member Konstantin Chernenko reappeared in public yesterday after a two-month absence when members of the leadership lined up to pay respects to their dead colleague Arvid Pelshe.

According to a state radio report, Chernenko was among the Politburo and senior party officials who stood at Pelshe's open coffin in Moscow's Hall of Columns.

Chernenko, 71, had been absent from public view since the end of March, prompting speculation that he was in serious political difficulties.

The former protégé of the late president Leonid Brezhnev was the chief rival to Yuri Andropov for the party leadership. He is believed by western analysts to head a faction opposed to personnel changes and reforms now proposed by Andropov.

Alfred Gruenther, ex-NATO head, dies at 84

WASHINGTON (AP). — Retired Gen. Alfred Gruenther, former commander of NATO and former president of the American Red Cross, died on Monday at Walter Reed Hospital, the army

announced. He was 84. Gruenther, who had been hospitalized since April 9, with respiratory problems, died of pneumonia, an army spokesman said.

Sports

Soccer cup in Tel Aviv

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Soccer fans in Tel Aviv go to this afternoon's State Cup final with the comfortable knowledge that whatever happens the metropolitan is certain to see the coveted trophy. The two finalists are Hapoel Tel Aviv and Maccabi Tel Aviv. For Hapoel, will be the third consecutive final and coach Zvi Rosenthal and his men are determined that their captain, Moshe Sinai, will be handed the cup by President Chaim Herzog at the end of the game.

Both teams have injury problems. Hapoel striker Shabtai Levi is very unlikely to play, and Maccabi winger David Amiga is doubtful, because of an eye injury. If he can't make it, his place will be taken by Ya'acov Numdar.

Kick-off time is at 4.30 p.m. The police band will be at hand to create a cup final atmosphere. Unfortunately, the 10,000 Hafia Maccabi fans who were such star performers during the semifinals will not be around. The game is to be telecast and broadcast live.

14 all out

LONDON (AP). — Surrey was stilted out for just 14 runs by Essex in County Championship cricket match at Chelmsford on Monday — the third lowest innings total ever recorded in a three-day county game in Britain.

The Surrey team came to grief against the pace bowling of West Indian Norbert Philip, who took 6 for 4, and young Neil Foster, a future England prospect, who bagged 4 for 10. The innings lasted just 14.3 overs.

"The Essex bowlers performed remarkably well, but there was no excuse for getting out for this sort of total," said a stunned Surrey captain, Roger Knight. "The ball swung about a lot but I was amazed at the way the wickets tumbled."

It was the lowest score in the county's history and only two better than the all-time low — Northamptonshire's score of 12 against Gloucestershire in 1907. Six years earlier, Nottinghamshire made just 13 against Yorkshire.

There have been only two other scores lower than 14 in all first-class cricket worldwide. Oxford University was bowled out for 12 by MCC and Ground in 1877; while in a match between two New Zealand teams played the same year, Auckland scored just 13 against Canterbury.

Only once had Surrey previously been bowled out for less than 20. That was 103 years ago, when Nottinghamshire, dismissed for 16 at the Oval.

Ironically, the Surrey collapse — seven of its players failed to score — came after Essex had mounted a respectable total of 207, including a century by captain Keith Fletcher.

Philip commented afterwards: "I just pitched the ball up and let it do the work."

Connors crushed

PARIS (Reuters). — Top Seed Jimmy Connors was bundled without ceremony out of the French Open Tennis championships, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6, by lowly ranked Frenchman Christophe Roger-Vasselin in the quarter-finals here yesterday in the biggest men's upset of the year.

Roger-Vasselin, ranked 130th on the ATP computer, took two hours, 43 minutes, to defeat the American in front of a capacity 16,500 crowd on the centre court.

The crowd cheered the French outsider's every shot as the only man-sized left in the men's draw constantly hunted Connors' edge with looping returns.

He pulled back to force a tie-break in the third and crucial set, and as Connors put five forehand shots out of court, was 7-5 to clinch the third set 7-6.

Afterwards Roger-Vasselin, in elated mood, said: "It's wonderful. I decided before the game I would try to play his forehand, and not to make any mistakes. It worked, and I didn't have to change my tactics."

Roger-Vasselin, normally an attacking player, was asked how he managed to play a baseline game for more than 2½ hours. He said: "When you play for a place in the semi-finals of the French Open, you make a little effort."

Women's matches went according to the form book. Andrea Jaeger crushed 19-year-old amateur Gretchen Rush 6-2, 6-2. Christ Evert Lloyd outlasted Hana Mandlikova 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

In the third round of the men's doubles, Shlomo Glickstein and Eric Fromm beat Ili Nastase and Jose-Luis Clerc 3-6, 4-6, 6-4.

Berra battery

NEW YORK (AP). — Dale Berra homered twice to drive in three runs, and Jason Thompson and Dave Parker hit homers in the fifth inning to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates to an 8-6 victory on Monday over the Atlanta Braves.

Berra's home runs came in the fourth and the seventh, the second a two-run shot. He had never hit two homers in one game, and now has five on the season.

MONDAY'S GAMES

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Baltimore 6, Milwaukee 1; Milwaukee 6, Seattle 3; Chicago 6, Boston 4; New York 10, Oakland 5; Cleveland 6, California 5; Toronto 6, Detroit 4; 10 innings; Kansas City at Texas, ppd. rds.

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Pittsburgh 9, Atlanta 6; St. Louis 9, Cincinnati 1; Houston 9, Calgary 7; San Francisco 5, New York 8; Los Angeles 3, Philadelphia 2; San Diego 5, Montreal 4.

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Post Sports Staff

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IN LATER years, as prime minister of Israel, she was described as "the only man in the government." But when in 1946, the Histadrut had appointed Golda Meir to temporarily fill a position as director of a Jewish Agency department, *Hatzofe*, the religious daily, founded at the mouth in moral indignation:

"Kol hakavod (all honour) to a wise and energetic woman; but it is impossible to place her at the head of one of the central public tools of the Jewish people. This is a law as natural as Nature's own laws. It is the eternal Hebrew law. There are boundaries and limits, and each sex must know its limits..."

When "unnatural" forces willed it, that Golda became prime minister, Talmudic logic found a way out of this flagrant violation of Nature's order by ascertaining that the presidency was the supreme national position in Israel, and therefore Golda would only be in "second place."

The admitting, but traditionally conservative public — whether religious or not — was more easily able to swallow a female prime minister by fondly declaring that "the only man in the government..."

Is the day approaching when a male politician will find it complimentary to be described as the "only woman in the government?" It is farther away than ever, according to MK Shulamit Aloni, Israel's political gadfly, who reached her present position by breaking the rules of both "male" and "female" politics.

"We're regressing, not progressing. The influence of traditional politicians who see the woman's place as her home is increasing. Ours is a very conservative society, both psychologically and legally. In its legal aspects, this extends beyond the rabbinical courts into civil law. Just look at our income tax laws, for example."

Aloni quoted one instance with which this writer is particularly familiar: for when I opened my own office and trotted off as a law-abiding citizen to establish a file as an independent businesswoman, the clerk informed me that my husband would be their address.

Protesting that he was a salaried employee who had no need for such a file, I was regarded with utmost disdain, and discovered that this had nothing to do with the case.

For the case, as Aloni notes, is that Jewish tradition regards the woman as the property of her spouse, and he is the recognized provider.

This has far-reaching psychological implications in the political sphere as well as in others,

she points out. Women who feel the need to take an active public role are expected to do so on a voluntary basis. When a woman and a man compete for a salaried public position at the higher levels, the man receives psychological preference.

The women's organizations — with all the positive work they do — perpetuate and strengthen the image of the woman as a volunteer, she adds.

Today there are fewer (nine) women in the Tenth Knesset than in the First Knesset (11). MK Sara Doron may become the third woman to be a minister (Golda and Aloni were also ministers).

Out of the 10 Knesset committees, two are headed by women. These are in fields traditionally associated with women — education and culture, and internal affairs. These are also two out of the five committees where the chairmanship belongs to the Alignment — and this opposition faction has more women MK's than any other party — five (not including Aloni, who joined after running on her own ticket).

Is Israel's socialist party more attuned to women's rights? Yes and no, because this relatively high representation is the result of a long-fought battle for a quota system. And a quota system, by the very need for its existence, signifies that all is not well on the home front.

"There were many debates over the pros and cons of the quota system, which was instituted in the Seventies," according to Alignment MK Navn Arad, but "I agree with Golda, who at the time said that it's better to be a bit embarrassed and come out with something concrete, than to be proud and have nothing."

This quota system designates 20 per cent representation for women in a realistic position on the party's lists for any elective campaign, including that of the Histadrut.

Twenty per cent is not really proportionate to women's representation in the population — of which they constitute 50 per cent — or to their power at the polls, but the results translate into definite progress when compared to other parties. (The Likud has only two women MK's, plus Geula Cohen of Tebiya, which ran independently in the elections.) None of the other parties have women MK's.

Arad emphasizes that the quota system has had other positive results as well.

"It has given women with political ambitions a chance — hope and confidence that they can climb the ladder." And, with the passage of time, it has made a

radical innovation into an accepted fact of life.

"In many political labour power-centres, it now seems perfectly obvious that women are to be represented. In the Histadrut's executive committee, for example, there are now six women, whereas at one time there was no regular significant representation."

Are women, however, still primarily relegated to dealing with traditionally "female" interests such as social welfare, education, culture and labour issues — the very issues on which the women's volunteer organizations focus — even after they reach the seats of power?

Arad, whose academic background is in social work and administration, and is herself a former leading figure in a women's organization (secretary-general of Na'amnat), feels that while women may be particularly sensitive to these issues — and she sees this as a positive factor, "Sensitivity is not enough. The importance people relegate to an issue is measured by the resources they allocate to it, and that boils down to money."

Arad is the only woman on the Knesset Finance Committee (traditionally considered a male enclave) for precisely this reason.

"This is where you can really see what a government's priorities are, and learn how the wheels turn. This is where you can fight for what's important to you."

But women should be heard on every issue, Arad insists.

She says that during the many years of her political career, she preferred to remain silent on defence matters, feeling she should concentrate on those areas in which she had more experience and expertise. In response to the Peace for Galilee campaign, she broke her silence and now feels that, "Any important national debate cannot truly reflect all viewpoints unless they also include women's opinions."

Voicing opinions and translating them into action are two different things; the latter is a long, often lonely battle.

"It can take years to effect a change, additional years till it is translated into concrete action, and then you have to be on guard all the time that it is not reversed," Arad explains.

Women, among whose "typical" characteristics are supposed to be patience, often do not have the time to dedicate to the lengthy, frequently fruitless discussions, meetings and "field work" that go into building an independent party's power base, or even promoting personal advancement in an established party.

Women in politics — 2

Power house

Imagine the Knesset with only nine men... Yet, this government — and all those before it — have managed the country with such a number of women M.K.s

RENA KRONENTHAL talks to female politicians about the dearth of women in Israel's corridors of power.

"Someone has to be physically present to give the children love and attention," declares Ruth Rasmic-Lask, mother of three, who was second on the list of Israel's first women's party. Born only a few months before the last elections, the party attracted some 6,000 votes.

Aside from traditional prejudices against women in politics, she notes that there are simply some hard facts of life to cope with which are unique to Israel.

"Every male is away from home for a considerable period, every year, because of army reserve duty, aside from the months of absence during wars, which are unfortunately our lot. And, let's face it, many of those considered as our elite male population make the army their career."

"They are often married to women who could naturally serve as a reservoir of political potential — women with a sense of public duty, and professional skills. These wives often work as well. With their husbands away from home most of the time, they are in effect functioning as one-parent families a large part of the time."

Political activism knows no hours, and this fact *a priori* eliminates many women from the political arena. By the time the children are grown up, says Rasmic-Lask, it is too late to travel down that long road which leads to meaningful participation at decision-making level.

A unique phenomenon on Israel's political landscape, Israel's women's party initially did not real-

ly have expectations of winning a Knesset seat, "but as we began to campaign, we got caught up, and our hopes rose. However, we were not sufficiently organized, we had too little time, and, most of all, we did not have enough funds," Rasmic-Lask recalls.

The party's list had attracted not only supporters of Israel's feminist movement, but many women from other sectors as well.

Why didn't they try to make their way in established political channels?

"Because we felt that none of them was willing to give sufficient emphasis and resources to the major issues which we considered directly affected women's rights," Rasmic-Lask states.

She herself had been a member of the Democratic Movement for Change ("Dash"), as it was popularly called — the party which helped turn Israel's political scenario upside down but left, disillusioned, for this reason.

"We wanted a party that would direct attention to the question of women's rights," she says. These included practical issues — such as equality in taxation, pension rights and credit eligibility, and bousing for single persons (there are many more single women in Israel than men) and for one-parent families (again, the proportion of women in this category is much larger) — and extended to such basic issues as violence against women, sex-typed prejudices in the educational curriculum and training programmes, equal employment opportunities,

and so on.

While the party failed in the elections and has since disbanded, it did succeed in focusing the limelight on these issues, receiving surprisingly friendly coverage in the press, and in helping to improve the image of feminist activists in the public eye.

One of the founders of Israel's feminist movement, Rasmic-Lask says "that it showed we were not just some extremists shouting on the fringe, but willing to work within the accepted political frameworks, to play the game by the rules of respectable society."

Is a women's party, then, the most promising way to promote women's rights in general and political activism by women in particular?

Definitely not, states Aloni, who feels that the issue is not just one of women's rights, but of the individual's rights: "There are just as many men willing to support women's rights as there are women for this reason."

Aloni stresses that the issue is one of a basic change in attitude, of developing a true awareness of civil rights for every individual.

"In general, we are a society that does not give sufficient value to the human being as an individual. We dislike any exception," she explains.

Furthermore, she adds, with religious parties so often functioning as a pivotal factor in the building of a coalition, it becomes more acceptable to backtrack on women's rights and political promotion. As more political considerations enter the picture, it becomes harder for a woman to reach top positions on

national and municipal levels.

If we consider that most of our population comes from an East European or North African background, this prejudice against women in politics receives reinforcement from Jewish traditional patterns.

All the interviewees agreed that the negative image of politics deters certain women who are otherwise already more advanced in their professional and personal outlooks, from entering the arena.

"While I agree that there are many good reasons for the feeling that 'this type of atmosphere is not for me,' I also feel there is a tremendous amount of satisfaction to be derived from political activity."

"It gives you an opportunity to change certain realities, to leave your mark by effecting a difference in things that matter," says Arad.

Making changes requires the perseverance and patience she mentions, as well as the support of one's family, and of other women.

"Any woman who has reached a position of power must not forget — no matter on which personal interests, ambitions and opinions she chooses to focus — that she is at the same time a representative of the women of Israel," Arad emphasizes.

"Certain women, once they reach the pinnacle, forget this and claim they want to be regarded as a 'person' and not as a woman. But we cannot yet allow ourselves this luxury."

For the facts of life are that in the state where Golda and female army officers are often considered the symbol of women's achievements, the corridors of power are still short on women's shadows. A combination of reasons — traditional attitudes, economic considerations, political expediency, defense realities and, in many cases, women's own hesitancy to enter the fray — explain this situation.

But in this nation where women are increasingly joining the workforce and expecting a more progressive approach toward issues that govern their everyday lives, they must remember that those corridors lead directly to the front door of every home.

Those women who dare not step into the anteroom of politics cannot expect their echo to be heard at the levels where decisions affecting them are made and carried out.

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Proposal to appoint businessmen as commercial attachés

Author attacks gov't export policy

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "The makers of this country's export policy are dilettantes whose amateurism is visible in nearly every step they take. The situation would improve immensely if the entire network was taken over by some hard-nosed exporters, who learned their trade in the rough-and-tumble world of business, rather than in university ivory towers."

This was stated yesterday by Haim Shachak, who runs an export company himself. He was speaking on the publication of the seventh edition of his book "Export and Import Management" by the Dekel Academic Press here.

The 300-page book contains none of Shachak's personal opinions, but rather complete lists of all the forms, laws, regulations and addresses an exporter needs to know. However, this is the first time that this information is also being supplied for importers. As Zvi Morik, of the Dekel Press noted, "importers are assuming an ever-increasing part in the life of the Israeli businessman."

The book sells for IS780, and its

publication is sponsored both by Bank Hapoalim and the Export Institute. In his attack on government policy makers, Shachak had only one good word to say about any of them, and this was about Prof. Ezra Sadan, Director General of the Finance Ministry. "In my talks with him, I got the impression that he knew what he was talking about."

Shachak agreed with Sadan that a massive devaluation of the shekel would not help exporters. "This will change nothing, since it will effect exports and the import of raw materials at the same rate." Moreover, he thought that only a dilettante could have devised the exchange rate insurance scheme. "The exporter is compensated at varying rates a year after he has made a sale. But the exporter must know how much compensation he will get immediately when he negotiates prices."

The businessman-author thought that it would be much simpler not to impose taxes on imported raw materials in the first place, rather than return this tax to the exporter when he ships his goods abroad. "Simplify the exporters' life," he said.

As for the various trade fairs the

authorities sponsor abroad, he said that "all too many manufacturers participate only because they are subsidized to do so. But they know that they could use the same funds to reach real markets, not those markets which the authorities think exist."

Commercial attachés abroad were mainly a group of amateurs, he said. "They are drawn from the universities, not from the business world." He proposed taking the heads of the export departments of the country's leading exporters, and making commercial attachés out of them. "They learned their business the hard way; maybe they lack theory, but it's experience which sells goods, not theories." He noted that this was the American practice.

"If this country wants to increase its exports, let's remove government interference, and let the exporters do the work they are qualified for." Shachak also said that despite the liberalization by the Likud government, there were just as many civil servants employed in and around the export field. His system would have only one detrimental effect, he added. "Several hundred civil servants would have to be fired for lack of work."

Argentina switches to new peso to help beat down inflation

BUENOS AIRES (AP). — Argentine banks began a two-day holiday yesterday to prepare for a June 1 switch to a new currency unit, created by dropping four zeros from the current money in a move to ease bookkeeping and fight the psychology of inflation.

Beginning today, the new peso argentino will serve as the official national currency, although the peso ley (law), which it replaces, will continue in circulation until the end of the year.

One peso argentino will be worth 10,000 of the pesos it replaces. In dollar terms, one dollar, worth 80,000 pesos when banks closed on Monday will be worth eight of the new pesos when they reopen on Thursday.

The switch to the new currency was announced by the government in January, when officials said the measure would simplify daily monetary transactions by permitting a return to more adequate prices for goods and services. Economy Minister Jorge Wehbe said the computers in the central bank and other government institutions "just couldn't handle any more zeros."

At the current official exchange rate, Argentina's \$38 billion foreign debt was just over three quadrillion pesos — a three followed by 15 zeros. Using the new peso, the amount will be reduced to a more manageable 304 billion pesos.

Financial analysts said the change to the new peso argentino also is designed to attack the psychology of inflation, which affects most Argentines, used to yearly cost-of-living increases of three digits. "They didn't do it just for the computers," said an accountant. "They did it to make a psychological change in people. It's a lot different when you're speaking in pesos and centavos, rather than in millions of pesos."

Beginning today, when the new money goes into circulation, a pair of men's shoes will cost approximately 350 pesos, compared to 3.5 million pesos in the old currency. A package of cigarettes will be worth 5 pesos and 20 centavos, instead of 52,000 of the old pesos.

Principal cause of the deterioration of the peso is an annual inflation rate that has fallen under 100 per cent only once in the last seven years.

West Bank builder approved by ministry

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ashdar Building Company yesterday denied press reports that the West Bank residential community it is building, Tzamarot, has not been approved by the Ministerial Settlement Committee.

The firm produced a photocopy of a letter from Deputy Agriculture Minister Michael Dekel, dated May 24, in which he informs the company that the ministers sanctioned the new community, east of Kibbutz Hahorshim, at their meeting of April 19.

A company spokesman added

that Ashdar, through its West Bank Ashron subsidiary, has also been granted a heter iska (transaction permit) by the West Bank Civil Administration.

The Tzamarot complex will have a total of 400 housing units, and sales there are continuing.

Besides Tzamarot, five other housing complexes are being built by Ashkar Company on the West Bank. But unlike Tzamarot, those are going up on non-private land administered by the State Lands Administration and will be occupied by families recommended by the Housing Ministry.

Disputes over new Zim coal carrier seen ended

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Zim's new 166,000 ton coal carrier Hadera will within a few days leave the Spanish shipyard where she was built and where she has been held up for a month over a freight charge dispute. The National Coal Company, which has signed a 20-year haulage contract with Zim, is to get a reduction on freight

charges. Other disputed clauses are to be submitted to arbitration, it was learned yesterday.

It was also learned that the Spanish shipyard will grant a reduction on the original \$55 million price of construction. The ship will carry coal to the Electric Corporation's Hadera power station. She will be manned by an Israeli crew.

Another large bulk carrier for Zim fleet

HAIFA. — Zim has acquired another large bulk carrier for its Haifa-America line, the company spokesman said yesterday.

The 52,000 ton Beer Sheba was built in Norway in 1973 and purchased from a Norwegian company at a reported bargain price of less than \$5 million. The ship arrived at Hadera with 30,000 tons of

coal from Britain last weekend and on its next run will carry grain from the U.S. to Israel.

The Beer Sheba is the third large bulk carrier acquired by Zim recently and will replace one of the company's older and smaller carriers. She is manned by an all-Israeli crew of 25 men under captain Yitzhak Motola.

Families to start moving into Susia

Susia, a new settlement in the southern sector of Mount Hebron, will soon be populated with 25 families.

Construction has begun on Adora, a settlement on the Kiryat Arba-Hebron road. In the first phase, 25 housing units and public institutions will be built.

\$282 million in food aid

ROME (AP). — The World Food Programme (WFP) has earmarked \$282m. in food aid to 18 countries, it was announced last week. The funds will go to 23 projects aimed to boost agricultural development in low-income, food-deficit nations.

They also will finance land improvement projects in China and feeding programmes in Ecuador, Peru and India, among other countries.

The largest allocation — \$60.2m. — went to China, where WFP is contributing in strengthening dairy development programmes. India, which will receive \$43.4m. worth of WFP aid, will try to boost feeding programmes for babies and pregnant women in 12 states. The WFP announcement said mother and child feeding programmes in Ecuador will receive \$11.2m. over five years. Community development projects in war-torn El Salvador will be financed with an overall \$7.3m. fund.

Average Histadrut fund pension is now IS11,300

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The average monthly pension paid now by the Central Pension Fund of Histadrut workers is IS11,300, according to Arie Oron, its director general. The fund, which serves employees of the Histadrut, Bank Hapoalim, Hamashbir Latsarhan, among others. He noted that in one specific case, however, a worker with a lot of seniority who had gone on pension while in a highly paid position, reached IS53,000 a month.

"If such items as car and telephone allowances had been considered part of the monthly wage, his pension would have been considerably higher," Oron noted.

Uriel Abrahamowicz, chairman of the fund, said that the fund was concentrating its efforts on two matters. The first was to see that components such as car and

telephone allowances were in future recognized as an integral part of pension schemes. The second was to introduce a more flexible retirement age.

"The present retirement age of 65 was set by Chancellor Bismarck in Imperial Germany towards the end of the last century. Since then, the life span of men and women has increased considerably, and we would like to see the introduction of a flexible retirement age." To retire at the age of 65 should be a man's right, he said, but he should be able to continue working for a few more years, if he wanted to.

The fund at the end of 1982 had 78,000 "active" (or working) members, plus 16,557 receiving pensions. Pensioners included retired persons, survivors of former pensioners, and invalids. The fund had increased its resources by about ten per cent in "real" terms in 1982, to stand at IS22.6 billion.

8.7% EC inflation lowest in 4 years

LUXEMBOURG (AP). — Inflation in the European Community (EC) for the 12 months that ended April 30 was 8.7 per cent — the lowest rate in four years, the EC statistics agency Eurostat said yesterday. The previous low was 8.6 per cent in March, 1979.

The 8.7 per cent inflation rate was achieved despite a sharp one-point rise in EC consumer prices in April, Eurostat said.

It blamed this on "seasonal factors," notably in Greece, where prices rose by 1.7 per cent, in France and Great Britain (both up 1.4 per cent) and Italy (up 1 per cent).

Eurostat said the EC's average inflation rate remained well above the U.S. and Japanese rates — 3.9 and 1.7 per cent respectively, for the past year. In the first four months of 1983, the average EC inflation rate was 3.2 per cent, compared with 1 per cent for the U.S. and 0.6 per cent for Japan, the agency added.

Rises in consumer prices vary

greatly within the EC. Eurostat gave the inflation figures for each EC nation for the 12-month period that ended April 30: France 9.3, Italy 16.3, Germany 8.7, Netherlands 8.0, Luxembourg 9.5, Britain 4.0, Denmark 7.6 and Greece 21.5 per cent.

The quarterly figure for Ireland was 12.5 per cent.

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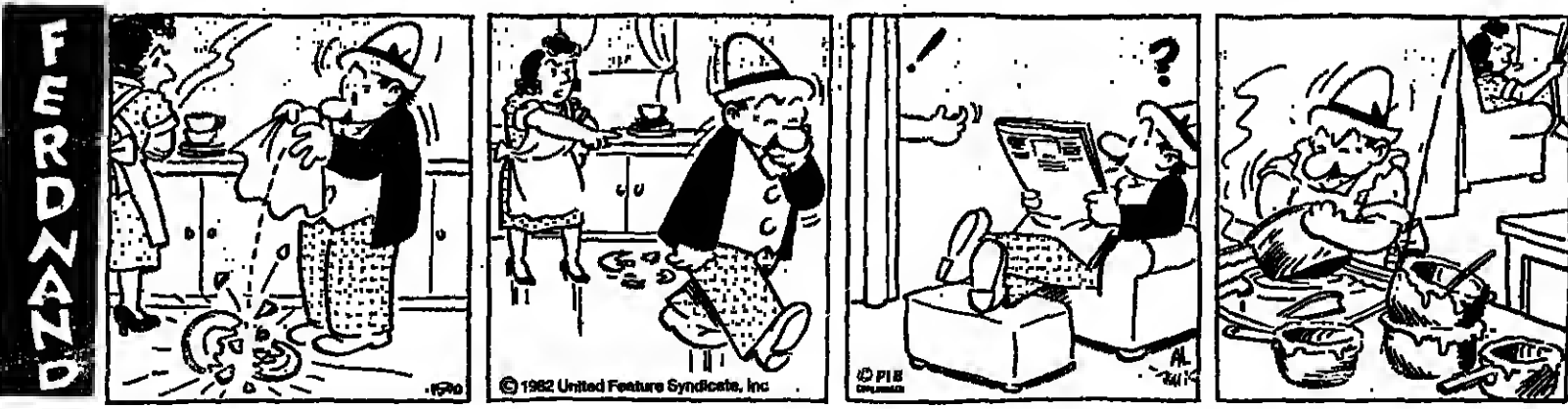
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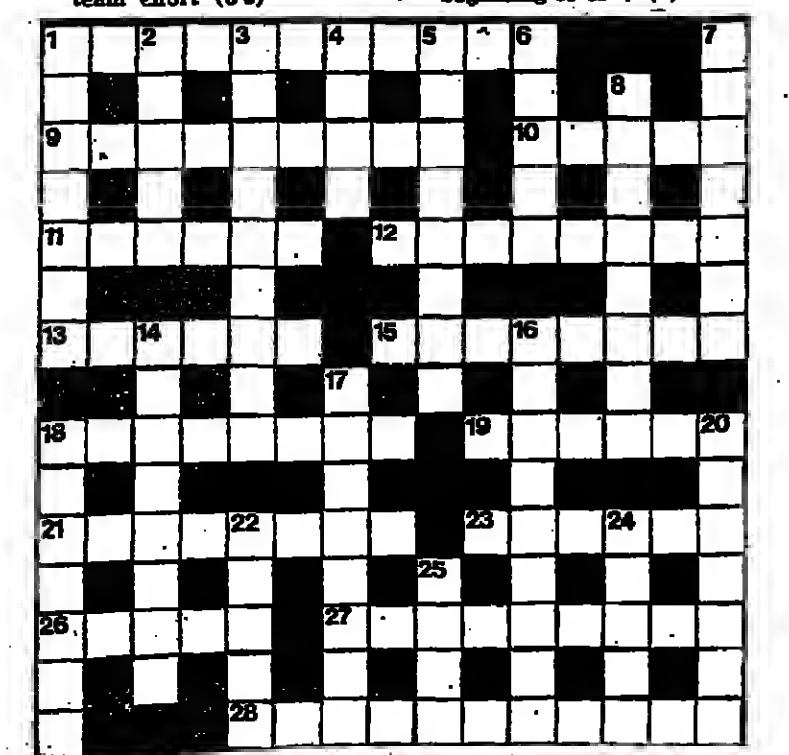
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 - 5 Praises a record that is in use in a way (8)
 - 6 Insist on getting the payment absolutely right (5)
 - 7 It may get held up in a beach wave (7)
 - 8 Wild goats in a South American capital (8)
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Market acts 'like old times'

The high-powered session yesterday high saw a sharp upward bias of the market. Observers felt that the market was in a period of transition in time to a period when daily gains were a matter of exception and not a rare phenomenon.

The General Share Index, banks accepted, started ahead by no less than 3.21%. The industrial group was by far the best performer with an advance of 4.37%. The Volatility Index stood at 7.44. More than seven shares advanced by 5% or better for every issue which fell by a similar amount.

Most analysts were satisfied with yesterday's performance. A number of recent investors from the general public seemed happy that they "got in ahead of the crowd" and before prices moved up.

However, despite all the excitement, it is important to note that the market is still in a period of transition. The public is becoming convinced that there won't be a replay of the early days of May. On the other hand, caution may be well advised as "greed" prevails. After all, the banks are only paying annual interest on certain accounts of between 55% and 75% a year. One does not have to be much of a mathematician to see what a daily 6% or 8% gain means when annualized. If the market continues to maintain its current advances, it may well be that the public may just find it too difficult to stay away and June could well be a "hot" month.

Barring a return of public interest, most analysts would be happy just to see stable trading conditions continue. But at least for one session the "bulls" have had their way.

The index-linked bond market had its busiest session ever, as 10 less than IS3.2 billion was traded. One must keep in mind, however, that it was the end of the month and institutional buying was a major factor in yesterday's trading. There are

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

still relative "bargains" to be found and bargain-hunting was the order of the day. In any case, prices advanced by varying margins and in some cases by the maximum allowable 3%.

The shekel was devalued by the relatively moderate figure of 10 agorot against the dollar. For the month of May the rate of devaluation vis-a-vis the dollar was 6.5% — in line with Finance Minister Yoram Andor's predictions.

So far the many speculators who have hoarded cash dollars are having the worst of it. What many individuals failed to take into account is the cost of making a switch from shares to foreign currency. When one sells, let us say IDB shares, there is an 0.5% bank commission on top of the 2% Peace for Galilee levy. When buying foreign currency there is spread of about one percent between buying and selling prices. In addition, there is a one percent purchase tax and a small conversion fee. Altogether, the switch costs more than 4.5%. Now, if one had held the shares of IDB for the month of May, one would have had a minimum gain of 10.8% and a dollar yield of just over 4%. However, one can say little more than point to the statistics and the lack of wisdom in knee-jerk reactions.

Commercial bank shares were up to their regular "tricks." Daoot 5.0 was up by 4.7%, while FIBI gained 3.2%. Modest advances were frequent in the mortgage bank group.

The picture was pretty much the same in the specialized financial institutions sector.

Insurance issues were somewhat stronger, but only Meora 1.0 came through with a 10% gain.

In last year's "bull market" the Lighterage shares were among the "big winners." Yesterday the 0.1 shares were "buyers only," while

the 0.5 issue was 10% to the good. Teta 1.0 also started ahead by 10%.

Artedon and Ben-Yakar were the best gainers in the land development and real estate group. Others advanced, but by more modest margins.

Industrials came through with a high-flying performance. Elbit continued to move ahead as it rose by more than 5%. Elron was up 6.3%. Elco 0.25 was a 10% winner. Hamasul 5.0 joined the 10% winners' circle. Others in this select group included Vardion option, HMN option, Haifa Chemicals, Wolfman Mosais, Dead Sea Works, Kadman 1.0, Ayt 5.0 and Pecker Steel 1.0.

Investment company shares also enjoyed a session of rising prices. Wolfson 1.0 was a 10% riser. Central Trade was up by 9.6%. Jordan Exploration was "buyers only" while Clal Industries was up by nearly 7%. Piryon joined the ranks of the big gainers with a 10% upward move.

Oils were generally advancing.

Most active stocks	Change
Maritime 0.5	5.95 +2.0
First Int'l	381 +1.0
FIBI	637 +2.0
Shares traded:	15,838,600
Convertible:	15,838,600
Bonds:	15,838,600

Amiad loses IS30m. to cattle disease

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA — Kibbutz Amiad in the Upper Galilee has lost IS30 million because of a disease among its beef cattle.

Between December, 1982, and February 1983, the kibbutz was forced to slaughter 62 head, each valued at IS20,000.

The Agriculture Ministry has ruled that the kibbutz re-inoculate its herd, and has forbidden it from selling its calves for another three months.

Bank of Israel exchange rates

May 31, 1983	IS
U.S. dollar	44.6501
German mark	71.8867
French franc	17.7215
Dutch guilder	5.9067
Swiss franc	15.7774
Swedish krona	21.3535
Norwegian krona	5.9257
Danish krone	4.9516
Finnish mark	8.1545
Canadian dollar	36.2944
Australian dollar	39.3613
Southern African rand	8.8715
Belgian franc (10)	25.1751
Italian lire (1,000)	2.9832
Japanese yen (100)	18.7212
Jordanian dinar	123.68
Lebanese pound	10.51
Egyptian pound	41.7478

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	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change	
Commercial Banks									
IDB p.	76000				Teta 1	249	43	+23	+10.2
IDB s.	3172	1.781	+1.3	+4.1	Teta 5	120	117	n.c.	
IDB s. r	3176	297	n.c.		Teta op	64	131	+1	+5.9
IDB p. A	18900				Clal Comp	628	76	+4.6	+7.9
IDB op 11	2278	122	n.c.		Clal Comp op	480	29	+9.9	+1.9
Union p.	254	390	+2.0	+9.9	Mallat 1	482	40	+2.3	+5.0
Discount r	4035	201	n.c.		Mallat 5	291	141	+4.1	+5.1
Discount A	4099	47	+2.3	+6.6	Mallat op	171	28	+2.2	+1.2
Discount op 2	3170	56	+2.6	+8.4	Magor 0.1	216	101	n.c.	
Discount B	467	165	+3.7	+8.0	Magor 0.5	136	9	+2	+1.5
Mizrahi p.	1297	1443	+6.2	+4.8	Bond Ware 0.1	212	201	n.c.	
Mizrahi s	1297	117	+6.2	+4.8	Bond Ware 0.5	125	166	+4.9	+7.8
Mizrahi op 3					Bond Ware op	81	64	+3.9	+3.9
Mizrahi op 10					Yuhalom	133	b.a.1	+6	+4.7
Mizrahi s 6	10732				Yuhalom op 1	93	9	+5	+5.7
Mizrahi s 7	9150				Nikav 5.0	400	74	n.c.	
Mizrahi op 11	2270	117	+10	+4.1	Nikav op 1	241	7	+10	+2.6
Mizrahi s 6	10732				Consort. Hold.	181	2131	n.c.	
Mizrahi s 9	538	983	+1.5	+2.9	Consort. op	83	39	+2	+2.5
Maritime 0.1	5.95	5.96	+2.0	+3.5	Kopel 1	427	100	+3.9	+10.1
Maritime 0.5	5.95	5.96	+2.0	+3.5	Kopel op	339	31	+3.9	+10.1
Hapoim p. 8	4300		+4.0	+9.5	Crystal 1	130	14	n.c.	
Hapoim p. 1	2145	1.821	+1.2	+5.6	Rapac 0.1	1305			
Hapoim p. 2	1780	32	+1.2	+6.7	Rapac 0.5	385	13	n.c.	
Hapoim op 13	4191	84	n.c.		Supersol 2	1855	79	+5.0	+2.8
Hapoim s 6	11700				Supersol 10	1045	526	+9.0	+9.4
Hapoim s 8	8100				Supersol op B	1425	38	n.c.	
					Land, Building				
General A	4130	79	+3.5	+7.7	Oreo	230	53	+2.0	+9.5
General op 6	20460		+10.0	+4.9	Oreo op 1	401			
General op 8	9300	9	+10.0	+4.9	Azorian Invest.	282	452	+5.1	+1.8
General s 5	3200	11	+5.0	+1.6	Azorian op	287	550	+1.5	+5.5
General 7	201	377	n.c.		Azorian op C	1660	1	+5.9	+3.7
General 8	60	1.204	+8.3	+3.3	Azorian op D	530	14	n.c.	
Leumi op 4					Azorian op E	213	172	+5.2	+2.4
Leumi op 13	2030	69	+2.0	+1.0	Azorian op F	105	125	+2.2	+2.2
Leumi s 9	1820	4	+1.5	+0.8	Azorian op G	1780	22	+8.0	+1.1
Leumi s 11	497	424	n.c.		Africa Int. 1.0	210	6	+5.0	+1.0
OHF r	5300	61	+10.0	+1.9	Azazim	271	211	+6.2	+2.3
Finance Trade 1	1842	65	n.c.		Azazim op	105	125	+2.2	+2.2
Finance Trade 5	940	10	n.c.		Arledon 0.1	237	133	+1.6	+10.2
Finance Tr. op	1297				Arledon 0.5	146	164	n.c.	
Finance Tr. s	1297				Arledon op A				
N. American 1	1510	33	+10.5	+7.0	Ben Yakar 1	497	14	+4.5	+10.0
N. American 5	1510	33	+10.5	+7.0	Ben Yakar op	497	14	+4.5	+10.0
Daoot 1.0	400	1.653	+1.8	+4.5	Baranovitz 1	146	156	+2	+2.0
Daoot s 2	638	120	+3.7	+5.8	Baranovitz 5	96	82	+6	+6.0
First Int'l s	1780	32	+1.2	+6.7	Baranovitz op	71	74	+5.3	+5.3
FIBI	637	2.717	+2.0	+3.2	Dankner 1	186	638	+1.8	+1.8
					Dankner 5	332	335	+1.8	+3.4
					Dankner s	375			
					Dankner op	140	362	+3.2	+3.2
					Dankner op 1	377	46	+1.7	+7.7
					Dankner op 2	125	77	n.c.	
					Dankner op 3	125	77	n.c.	
					HLB 0.1	239	80	+4.1	+1.7
					HLB 0.5	147	490	n.c.	
					Property Bldg	1730	955	+5.0	+3.0
					Bayad 0.1	120	342	+1.5	+1.9
					Bayad 0.5	815	23	+1.5	+1.9
					Bayad op A	1071	4	+1.1	+1.1
					ILDC r	2526	480	+4.1	+1.8
					ILDC op	2810	1	+1.0	+4.0
					ICP r	294	671	+1.0	+5.0
					ICP op	332	335	+1.8	+3.8
					Israhel	334	33	n.c.	
					Israhel op	760	908	+4.5	+6.3
					Israhel op 1				
					Israhel op 2				
					Cohen Dev.	219	69	+1.6	+7.9
					Cohen Dev. op	134	373	+1.5	+10.6
					Lumir 1	82	89	n.c.	
					Lumir 5	56	256	+4.0	+5.0
					Lumir op 1	97	58	+0.8	+0.8
					M.T.M. 1	2127	102	+1.0	+5.0
					M.T.M. op 1	1408	2	+2.0	+1.3
					M.T.M. op 1.5	1341	22	+1.8	+1.9
					Mehadrin r	2660	132	+1.6	+6.6
					Modul Beton	1865	20	n.c.	
					Mishkan 1	289	118	+1.9	+7.0
					Mishkan op	170	56	n.c.	
					Mishkan op 1	97	58	+0.8	+0.8
					Mishkan op 2	265	27	+7.7	+7.7
					Mishkan op 3	90	42	+5.9	+5.9
					Mishkan op 4	118	79	+1.3	+1.3
					Mishkan op 5	203	104	+1.2	+6.3
					Mishkan op 6	130	324	+5.4	+4.8
					Mishkan op 7	80	612	+3.9	+3.9
					Mishkan op 8	197	267	+6.0	+2.8
					Neot Aviv	2190	5	+6.0	+2.8
					Nischel Bond	700	436	+9.0	+7.7
					Nischel Bond p.	700	13	+140	+19
					Sahaf 1	330	171	+8	+8.0
					Sahaf 5	308	59	+14	+13
					Sahaf op	195	192	+2	+1.0
					Pri Or	925	110	+60	+6.9
					Pri Or op	770	5	+5	+1.7
					Coopers 0.1	252	151	n.c.	
					Coopers 0.5	96	297	+6	+6.7
					Rogovin 1	293	8	+3	+1.0
					Rogovin 5	253	51	+3	+1.2
					Rogovin op	101	35	n.c.	
					Rasoco p. r	890	432	+64	+7.8
					Rasoco op	866	652	+41	+5.8
					Rasoco op 1	746	206	+41	+5.8
					Shenhar s	103	190	+2	+2.0
					Industrials				
					Agan Chem.	540	334	+10	+1.9
					Agan op	326	22	n.c.	
					Baruch 1	376	59	+2	+5.5
					Baruch 5	291	70	+5	+1.8
					Baruch op	175		+5	+3.2
					Ocagan	342	362	+25	+7.9
					Ocagan op	146	180	+5	+3.6
					Ocagan op 1	132	98	n.c.	
					Urdan 0.1 r	870	265	+60	+7.4
					Urdan op	664	33	+20	+3.1
					Atlas 1	245	204	n.c.	
					Atlas 5	148	44	+22	+12.9
					Atlantic 1	93	37	+1	+1.3
					Atlantic op 1	60	84	+4	+6.3
					L.P. Building	236	590	n.c.	
					Elbi op 1	16590	30	+1800	+5.1
					Elbi op 5	15000	5	+500	+3.5
					Alumit 1	444	64	+14	+3.3
					Alumit 5	290	50	+15	+5.5
					Alumit op	255	5	n.c.	
					Alliance	79600		+400	+5
					Alaska Sport 1	610		n.c.	
					Alaska Sport 5	330	40	+20	+6.5
					Alaska S. op 1	265			
					Elco 0.1	717	50	+37	+5.4
					Elco 0.25 r	520	104	+15	+3.0
					Elco 0.25 b	684	7	+62	+10.0
					Elco d-1	2400		+90	+3.9
					Alkol	256	64	+4	+1.6
					Alkol op 1	161			
					Electra 0.1 r	1525	2	+2	+2
					Electra 0.1 s	932	108	+1	+1
					Electra op 3	176		+4	+2
					Electra op 4	595	32	+10	+1.7
					Elroa	27210	26	+1600	+6.6
					Services & Utilities				
					Galei Zohar 1	420	98	n.c.	
					Galei Zohar 5	146	14	n.c.	
					Galei Zoh. op 1	6	18	+9.5	+4.3
					Data Mikun	290	54	+1	+4.0
					Delek r	2530	191	+3	+1.2
					Delek b	260	5	+200	+8.3
					Harel 1	345	157	+15	+7.0
					Harel 5	1365	58	+12	+9.8
					Harel op 2	77	20	+1	+2.0
					Lighterage 0.1	398	b.a.1	+10	+5.0
					Lighterage 0.5	238	178	+2	+10.2
					Gold Store 0.1	1800		+39	+2.2
					Gold Store 1.0	2332	14	n.c.	
					Israel Electric	7215	2	n.c.	
					Dan Hotels 1	445	438	+7	+1.6
					Dan Hotels 5	286	476	+54	+1.4
					Ortel Beach	162	643	n.c.	
					Ortel B. op 1	281	60	+10	+3.7
					Hilan	292	10	n.c.	

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Band aids and bust

FINANCE MINISTER Yoram Aridor's "proper economics" has gone bust. The finance minister won't, of course, admit that. But he has bowed to economic reality to the extent that he is now willing to do something to try to curb imports.

Yet, however draconian the import levy decided upon yesterday, and however dubious the tax on withdrawals from current accounts, these measures still remain mere palliatives and not elements of a new economic strategy.

If there were any lingering doubts about the fitness of Mr. Aridor's policies, they were dispelled in the Bank of Israel's annual report for 1982, released yesterday.

Successive reports by the Central Bureau of Statistics, and just two days ago the report of the State Comptroller, too, have drawn a depressingly gloomy picture of the country's economic performance during the two years since Mr. Aridor assumed the leadership of the Treasury. The Bank of Israel report fully confirms the impression of systematic disarray and persistent failure.

The massive election-year subsidies of 1981, and the overly generous measures that followed them, are shown to have produced a dangerous excess of spending over revenue, and a large-scale injection of money into the economy. These, the report suggests, were the main reasons for the acceleration of inflation in 1982. In its unsuccessful effort to curb inflation, the Treasury only contrived to worsen Israel's balance of payments situation.

Now, after two years of Yoram Aridor, the country has an inflation running at an annual rate of 130 per cent, the excess of imports over exports totals \$2.1 billion (nearly three times the 1979-80 figure), while the foreign debt rose at an annual rate of 15 per cent during the past two years.

The year 1982 was marked by a stagnating Gross National Product, falling exports — and a 7.5 per cent increase in private consumption. Apparently consumers anticipated that the climate of plenty generated by the finance minister was wholly artificial, and that the bubble would soon burst. They therefore decided to buy as much as they could while the going was still good.

Unfortunately, individual welfare was purchased at the expense of the economy. For the rise in the level of consumption, as the report points out, was financed from past savings and foreign loans. In a properly ordered economy, these resources would have been used for investment.

True, the picture drawn in the report reflects the realities of 1982. But, as the governor of the Bank of Israel, Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum, observed at a press conference yesterday, the main features of the past year's economic situation have not disappeared. They have, in fact, become more pronounced.

At his press conference yesterday, Dr. Mandelbaum sought to shield Mr. Aridor. His words sought to take the edge off the harsh description in the report, and he cited the war in Lebanon and the world-wide recession as mitigating circumstances in any evaluation of the government's economic policy.

But the report, for which Dr. Mandelbaum cannot shirk responsibility, speaks for itself. It clearly suggests that the country's current economic plight is largely home-made, the product of the improper economics decreed by Mr. Aridor.

Our lucrative Knesset

IT IS A TRUTH more-or-less universally acknowledged in all well-ordered states that parliamentary deputies must not use their position to derive personal benefit in outside professional work; they must not, in other words, find themselves in a situation of conflict of interests.

Thus lawyers who happen to be members of parliament should not represent the interests of clients either within the legislature or before government bodies.

In the Knesset, awareness of the need to prevent conflict of interest has taken very long to take shape. Perhaps this was because in the early days there were rather few lawyers among Knesset Members. Twenty years ago the Knesset adopted a rule which said that "it is not fitting" for an MK who as a lawyer represents a client in a particular matter, to plead that matter and to work for it within the Knesset and its committees.

However, it took nearly twenty years for the Knesset subcommittee on ethics to propose that members, whatever their profession, should actually be barred from so pleading a client's case.

In its work on a Knesset code of ethics this subcommittee of the House Committee was goaded by the example of the Israel Bar Association, which last December passed a resolution proposing limitations on lawyer MKs. Unlike the Bar Association, however, the subcommittee did not seek to forbid legislators from representing clients before government bodies, including all agencies and institutions that are subject to the control of the Comptroller General.

Late in March the subcommittee's mild version of a code was to have come up for approval by the full House Committee. For some reason the meeting never took place.

On Sunday the seemingly dormant issue of a legislative conflict of interest was revived by Deputy Premier and Housing Minister David Levi. Speaking against the background of reports about the involvement of some Likud MKs, who happen to be lawyers, in questionable land deals in Judea and Samaria, Mr. Levi called for the imposition of ethical constraints on Knesset professionals similar to those that apply to ministers.

Mr. Levi made his suggestion at a meeting of the cabinet, but the publicity, as doubtless expected, was immediate. Now, perhaps, the Knesset will really move to apply ethical rules to outside work by its members.

RADICAL CURE

By HERB OSTROFF

THE TREASURY has now reinstated some form of control on imports in an attempt to prevent irreparable damage to the economy. Yet this government was given a mandate on the basis of a free enterprise, liberal economic policy. Israel was, in fact, one of the first democratic countries to reverse the socialist trend of previous governments. Now when the U.S. and Britain are following suit, and proving that free-enterprise liberal economics are the correct policy, while countries with socialist governments, such as Greece and France are failing, Israel is regressing towards the ways of the past Labour government.

There is no question that the removal of protective tariffs and import controls caused a tremendous upsurge in manufacturing in this country. Israeli companies had to compete on the local market or close up, and by competing on the local market, they improved their performance as exporters too. Reintroduction of controls, in whatever form, means returning to cotton-wool insulation for producers and a captive local market. The direct result will be increased inflation, the very thing the government wants to avoid. Protection must, of course, be given to those manufacturers who are forced to compete with products dumped on the local market by East European or Far East countries (with whom we have no diplomatic relations).

Import controls will harm the very manufacturers who are crying out for them. For example the recently instituted 1 per cent levy on foreign exchange purchases does not differentiate between money going for consumer goods and that paid for raw material. Consequently, it is an added cost, which is expressed in the final cost of a manufactured article, raising its price on both the local and export markets.

Similarly, any form of import deposit increases manufacturing costs. Any type of import control is a totally negative step in terms of trying to increase manufacturing capacity, when the contrary is needed — a positive stimulus to encourage investors and workers to enter the manufacturing sector. A meaningful, even revolutionary, step is needed, not a piecemeal effort.

THE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION maintains that all of our woes are a result of the slow devaluation of our shekel against the dollar, but the contention does not stand up to examination. The franc, the pound sterling and the mark have also devalued against the dollar. Most of Israel's exported goods contain, on average, 50 per cent raw materials, and the price of raw materials purchased from Euro-

pean countries has fallen accordingly. I write this as a small manufacturer in Bnei Brak who competes on the local market with imports and also exports a considerable amount of his production. I am totally frustrated at the total lack of decisive, positive fiscal administration by this government and I am appalled by the lack of attention paid by our own Manufacturers Association to the real problems. One problem the Manufacturers Association has not addressed is the very high cost of infrastructure and the very high personal income of managerial staff.

No investment in his right mind would be prepared to invest in manufacturing, for numerous reasons — some detailed here — but mainly because without risk he can invest money in the stock exchange or at his nearest bank and get a definite return, free of income tax.

The correct legislative changes could produce the investment atmosphere in which Israel could double its output in a very short period. The time to make these changes is now, just before the world economy begins to improve. Furthermore, these changes need not cost the taxpayer any money. Legislation is required to divide the economy into three distinct sectors:

In Class A would be companies that manufacture goods. It is irrelevant whether the goods are for the local market or for export. Most manufacturers start producing for the local market, save foreign currency, and, as they develop, seek overseas markets as the local market becomes too small for any sizable plant.

Class B would include operations servicing manufacturing companies or providing sources of foreign currency, such as agriculture, hotels, etc. In this class, two, would be banks, retailers, traders on the local market only and other service sectors.

The incentive to move into Class A would come by way of income tax. By bringing this down to zero, or to a very low rate, for both investors in manufacturing companies and the workers they employ, the economy would be assured of a veritable flood of new money into manufacturing, followed by an army of workers.

This flood will come from both local sources and overseas entrepreneurs, who will converge on our shores as they have done in other countries offering similar incentives.

Couple this with the infrastructure Israel has and the advantages it has to offer over other countries and the effect is overwhelming. Naturally, there will develop a shortage of trained people (which already exists) but with very little or no income tax to pay, the manufacturers will have no trouble in at-

tracting skilled Jewish talent from the free world, and a stimulus to aliyah will have been created, which, in turn, will further invigorate Israel's stagnant economy.

REMOVING income tax from this sector of the economy, will result in minimal losses to the Treasury as new business will be generated that does not now exist and will not develop without the government taking drastic steps. Most of the existing manufacturing sector does not pay tax anyway, either due to losses or due to various tax privileges granted by previous legislation.

Class B should be similarly graded, with the current punishing taxes in Class C remaining as they are for obvious reasons.

In order to solve the budget problems, our honourable minister of finance is honestly making every effort to cut budget and government spending, from the health department, the education department and every other department possible.

BUT IS anybody aware that, in comparison with any other country we have 100,000 public servants too many, a public servant being here defined as any person in the employ of the government, municipality, Jewish Agency or whatever?

Ignoring for a moment whether these public servants are productive or not, they are required to be in their offices until only 3 p.m. Rarely will an office answer the telephone after 2 p.m. or receive the public, whom they are supposed to serve, after 1 p.m.

If public servants were required to work normal office hours, as they are in most other offices in the country, the savings to the public purse would be, to say the least, quite astonishing. We would save \$67 million a month, or \$810 million a year in salaries alone.

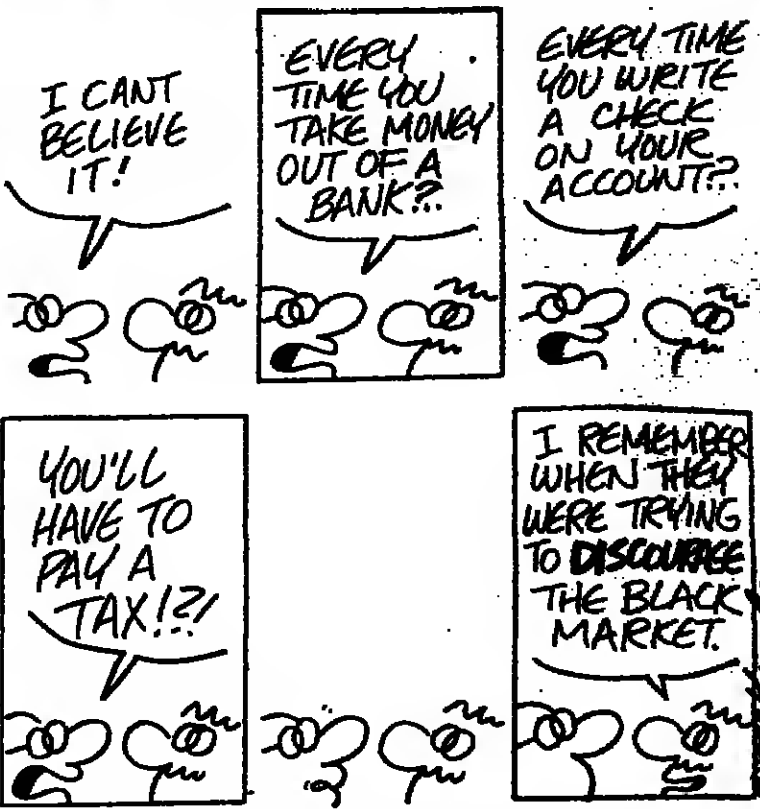
This figure is based on a conservative salary of IS28,000 gross per public servant. The figure, in shekels, is over IS35 billion.

Vast additional savings would accrue each year through savings in rental, furniture and expenses alone. Not to mention the savings to the business economy itself by being able to spread their contact with the bureaucracy over a full working day, instead of the half day as at present.

Furthermore, is the public aware that no non-perishable goods move through our ports after 1.30 p.m. No collection or deliveries of imports and exports. In what modern international port is an exporter prohibited from delivering a container to the port after 1.30 p.m., which is, after all, midday?

Where in the world is a manufacturer obliged to have trucks in port before midday in order to get materials to his factory? In what

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modern part of the world does customs close at 1 p.m. and where else does a businessman have to wait four days to get goods cleared by customs? A local manufacturer requires a miracle to have his documentation presented to customs at 8 a.m. and receive his goods the same day.

Not that there is anything wrong with the customs procedure itself, which is relatively efficient, but, again, because of the short hours worked, the surplus trucks required to be on standby, the additional manpower required by anybody dealing with the ports, the extra interest paid by importers and exporters, and all the half-holidays we enjoy in Israel, the cost to the economy runs into tens of millions of dollars a year.

Naturally, the extension of bureaucracy hours could not be introduced overnight, but it certainly could be brought to fruition over a period of time, provided this matter was given adequate attention.

It is a crime that our backs are to the wall, the taxpayer must bear this horrendous, wasteful, ridiculous, useless burden.

It is also totally inconceivable — when we are in this difficult fiscal situation, why there must be four different government collection agencies, all of the Treasury, all collecting funds from the same employer but all totally independent and all operating totally separate costly infrastructures.

I am referring here to personal income tax, purchase tax, PAYE (salaries) and VAT department, as well as Bituah Leumi. Is there any logical reason, other than the workers benefits in these departments, why all are not under one roof, thereby saving further hundreds of millions of dollars each year?

Two other areas of concern, and

areas where this government promised action, was the railways and the telephone service. If both services were allowed to become public companies, raise their own finance and thereby provide a decent service to the economy, more millions could be saved.

How can one minister, Dr. Yosef Burg, hold the entire country to ransom, at a cost of millions of dollars, by not instituting daylight saving time?

Mentioned earlier are infrastructure costs to the detriment of the local manufacturer vis-a-vis his overseas competitors for which no logical answers are provided.

EVERY MANUFACTURER has overhead expenses which are necessary to run his organization. In Israel, most of these expenses are twice those of our European competitors. Besides telephone, telex and ports which have been mentioned, no local manufacturer, other than public companies, are able to raise any substantial finance through the banks without 100 per cent securities.

Notwithstanding this burden, which is not felt to anything like the same extent in other countries, any piece of office equipment carries tremendous customs duties, and although credit is available from overseas suppliers for these items, the government prohibits Israeli businessmen from enjoying them. As a result, manufacturers are compelled to lease, which carries further punishing taxes.

These self-defeating taxes are not paid by our competitors in Germany, France or England, and these items, although they may appear relatively insignificant, retard growth and require ever greater amounts of interest to be paid to banks.

READERS' LETTERS

FINNISH FRIENDS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I read with great interest Netanel Lorch's article of May 16 on Finland. However, in mentioning Israel's many Finnish friends, the writer omitted a very important group: the Friends of Israel in Finland Association, which is now celebrating its 75th anniversary.

The Association, which now has over 8,000 members throughout Finland, was called the Friends of Israel long before the establishment of the state. The Association's aims are to help Israel and Jews in other countries, through both moral and material support; to oppose anti-Semitism; and to correct misconceptions and prejudices between Christians and Jews. During World War II, members took care of Jewish refugees fleeing from Nazi persecution, providing them with food and shelter.

The Association also supports the Finnish Friends of Misgav Ladach

Hospital, Jerusalem, which holds regular fund-raising events in aid of the hospital's building fund.

Large groups of members of the Friends of Israel Association visit Israel regularly and Misgav Ladach is usually on their itinerary. Meeting these good friends of Israel and listening to their spontaneous singing of Israeli songs in Hebrew and Finnish, which winds up their visits, is a highlight of my work.

At this time, when international support for Israel seems to be waning, it is important to know that we enjoy the love and support of a modest and sincere people, who also know from their own experience how difficult it is to be a small nation to whom independence means so much.

PAULINE SHOMER,
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Jerusalem.

HAIFA ELECTIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I refer to your report of May 12, "MKs clash over amendment to municipal elections law," in which your Knesset correspondent quotes remarks of Likud MK Meir Cohen concerning the Labour Alignment's candidacy of Haifa Mayor Arie Gurel in the municipal elections scheduled for October 1983. These remarks raise doubts and unfounded speculation on the basis of mere gossip.

The facts are as follows: The district council of the Labour Party unanimously elected Arie Gurel as its candidate for Mayor of Haifa and head of the Labour Party list in the forthcoming municipal elections. This decision is not only still valid, but was bolstered when Mr. Gurel was picked to head the election headquarters which has just started to function.

Any attempt to raise doubts only highlights the confusion and weakness of the Likud in Haifa, since the Alignment already picked its candidate a year ago where the Likud is still trying to find one by any means. The Likud was even ready to pick an outside candidate and amend the state's laws for its own purposes.

Mr. Gurel has led Haifa for five years to impressive achievements in various fields of endeavour. He is the Alignment's candidate in the Haifa municipal elections and we are sure of victory with him at the helm.

BINYAMIN EFRAT,
Labour Party District Secretary
Haifa.

THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE POSITION STATEMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Former Knesset Member Zalman Shoval has some very provocative things to say about the American Jewish Committee's recently published position statement on the Middle East ("Jill-advised step" — May 24.)

Thereafter, he quite understandably links his comments about the statement to remarks attributed to Ms. Rita Hauser, as reported by your correspondent Leon Hadar ("Backing away from Begin" — April 25). Ms. Hauser, of course, is the nationally prominent lawyer, celebrated for her expertise in foreign affairs, who, at the time of the Hadar interview, was chairperson of AJC's prestigious foreign affairs commission.

Unfortunately, the juxtaposition by Mr. Shoval of his remarks about the AJC statement and his remarks about Ms. Hauser inadvertently has confused some of your readers who

were not entirely sure where one begins and the other ends. Your readers should know, therefore, that Ms. Hauser spoke in her own name and her views do not necessarily reflect those expressed by AJC's governing body.

As for the AJC statement itself, it is now in the public domain. Readers who would like to see the

statement in its entirety, in order to form their own judgment as to its relevance, are welcome to see it at AJC's library at 9 Ethiopia Street, Jerusalem.

Dr. M. BERNARD RESNIKOFF,
Director, Israel Office
The American Jewish Committee
Jerusalem.

TELEPHONE PROBLEMS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — My sympathy to the parents of your correspondent who have been waiting two years for a phone (Letters — May 12). We have been waiting nine years for the transfer of our telephone from our previous address. As in the case of your correspondent, our flat was also left fully wired by the former occupier. However, the telephone authority insists that there are no lines available. Yet, occupiers of recently constructed high-rise

buildings in our telephone-exchange area have obtained their phones with ease and, in accommodating them at our expense, the Ministry of Communications has been contravening its own regulations which govern preference.

We have protested to the ministry at the irregularities on their part in the allocation of phones, but the replies we have received from them are a study in evasiveness.

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